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Allman leads Hopland town meeting

By ZACK SAMPSEL
The Daily Journal

Sheriff Tom Allman and other members of the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office were in Hopland Sunday for a town meeting to take questions and address public concerns.

"When you talk about your problems, we need talk about solutions," Allman said during the meeting.

The first issue Allman discussed was about the police presence and response time in Hopland. Allman worked to address the crowd's concern about long wait times in emergency situations, where the idea of integrating service from MCSO and the tribal police from the nearby reservation came to light. Allman said that although the tribal police are not legally allowed to respond to calls there is a possibility for the two to work together within the current system.

"We're treading in uncharted waters," he said. "But do I think that in three or four years it [service integration] will happen in Mendocino county? Yes. I bet that it will happen first in Hopland because Hopland wants it to happen."

A sea of nods from the crowd following Allman's comments acted a sign of meeting's early success. He went on to explain that he would soon like to have a patrol car parked in downtown Hopland at least seven days a week, but that funding for a new deputy -- a $110,000 yearly expense -- in Hopland isn't yet a guarantee.

"I want a deputy sheriff to live in

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The roundabout in Hopland

Hopland Roundabout celebration a success

The Daily Journal

EUREKA -- A ceremony to celebrate the completion of the first roundabout in Mendocino County, the Hopland Roundabout project at the intersection of Route 175 and Old River Road, was held on Thursday, January 10, 2008 at the Brutacao Schoolhouse Plaza in Hopland. The event was well attended. Speakers included: Charles C. Fielder, Caltrans District 1 Director; Alan Escarda, Caltrans Construction Engineer; J. David Colfax, Mendocino County Board of Supervisors; Mark Graves, Superintendent of North Bay Construction; Stan Phernambucq, Chief Financial Officer of Caltrop Corporation. Also in attendance were representatives from United States Congressman Mike Thompson's office, Assemblymember Patty Berg's office, Senator Pat Wiggins' office, Mendocino

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Volunteers needed for Jackson State Forest panel

The Daily Journal

CalFire is seeking Mendocino County residents to join a panel that will advise on the management of the Jackson Demonstration State Forest.

"We have an excellent opportunity to ensure that the decisions we make regarding management of Jackson Demonstration State Forest incorporate a variety of state and local representatives on the use and care of this exceptional resource," said CalFire Director Ruben Grijalva.

The 46,652 acre forest near Fort Bragg is managed for research and demonstration purposes focusing on forest management, environmental stewardship, timber production and recreation.

The new advisory group will advise the department and the board on the implementation of a new forest management plan that is currently under review as well as overall management of the forest.

The panel will be an advisory body only according to CalFire reports.

Appointments will be made by the director and subject to board approval, the panel will consists of 12 members who represent the range of local, regional and state interests and areas of technical expertise. Meetings will be roughly once a month during the initial implementation of the new forest management plan and then two or three times per year after.

There will be no compensation for service on the panel, but travel expenses can be reimbursed.

Anyone interested in serving on the panel should send a letter of interest and resume to Tanya Aviles-Medeiros, Executive Assistant to the Director, PO Box 944246, Sacramento Ca, 94244-2460.

Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 8. For more information, contact CalFire Chief Deputy Director Crawford Tuttle at 916-653-4175 or at crawfordtuttle@fire.ca.gov. Applicants can also contact Board of Forestry an Fire Protection Executive officer George Gentry at 916-653-8807.

STEPHANIE PAIGE WINS MISS MENDOCINO COUNTY 2008



MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

Above, Stephanie Paige is overcome with emotion as she is crowned Miss Mendocino at the 2008 Scholarship Pageant Saturday night. Below, Paige performs during the talent portion of the competition with a lyrical jazz dance to "Sorry."

Talents, grace on display at annual event

The Daily Journal

Stephanie Paige, 23 of Ukiah was crowned Miss Mendocino County Saturday night at the annual pageant on the Ukiah High School campus.

Nicole Honaker, 22 of Sacramento County was crowned Miss North Coast and Maggie Stewart, 23 of Sacramento was crowned Miss Northern Counties.

Melissa Chaty, Miss California 2007 who leaves for Las Vegas for the Miss America Scholarship Program on Jan. 17 was a highlight of the show.

The opening number "Someday I'll Be A Miss America" from the seven contestants competing for Miss Mendocino County and Liberty Egloff, Miss Mendocino County 2007 introduced the show which was titled "The Road to Miss America – A Goal Come True."

Upon completing the opening number, the contestants were introduced by Tony Moises, emcee for the evening who then introduced Egloff and the nine contestants vying for the titles of Miss North Coast and Miss Northern Counties.

Chaty was then introduced for a tribute to her with the song "Look At Her – She's Our Miss America."

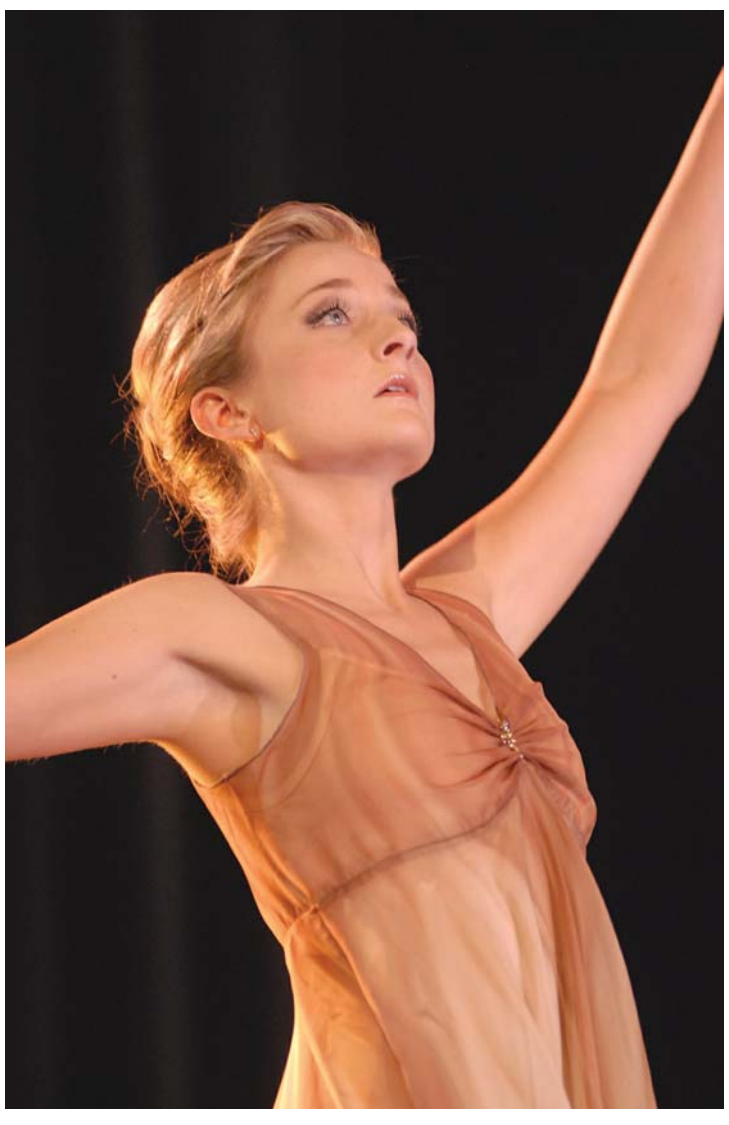
Chaty has spent six years on the road to Miss America and her work finally paid off as she competes Jan. 22–26 for the national crown. Should she win she receives a $50,000 scholarship and will travel some 20,000 miles a month making appearances around the United States for the next year. Chaty has held steadfast to her platform "Alzheimer's Advocacy and Awareness" which became a very personal platform for her. She plans to perform an operatic vocal, "The Jewel Song" from Gounod's Faust at Miss America.

Performing throughout the evening Saturday, Chaty Melissa gave elegance and charm to the scholarship pageant.

Contestants for Miss Mendocino County were India Scofield

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For more photos from the event, please visit www.ukiahdailyjournal.com



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The world briefly

Bush insists Iran is leading state sponsor of terrorism and keeps nuclear plans secret

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — President Bush gently nudged authoritarian Arab allies Sunday to satisfy frustrated desires for democracy in the Mideast and saved his harshest criticism for Iran, branding it "the world's leading state-sponsor of terror."

Speaking in this Persian Gulf country, about 150 miles from the shores of Iran, Bush said Tehran threatens nations everywhere and that the United States was "rallying friends around the world to confront this danger before it is too late."

The warning about Iran was much tougher than Bush's admonition about spreading democracy in the Middle East, which had been billed as the central theme of his speech.

In a region of autocratic rulers, Bush did not single out any country for criticism. He spoke about democracy in a deeply undemocratic country, the United Arab Emirates, where an elite of royal rulers makes virtually all the decisions. Large numbers of foreign resident workers have few legal or human rights, including no right to protest working conditions.

"To the people of the Middle East: We hear your cries for justice," Bush said. "We share your desire for a free and prosperous future. And as you struggle to find your voice and make your way in this world, the United States will stand with you."

Prominent black supporter of Clinton criticizes Obama for criticizing her on race

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — One of Hillary Rodham Clinton's most prominent black supporters said Sunday he was insulted by the characterization by rival Barack Obama's presidential campaign of her remarks about the civil rights movement.

Bob Johnson, the nation's first black billionaire and founder of the BET cable television network, said Obama's campaign had acted dishonestly and had distorted Clinton's remarks about Martin Luther King Jr.

Johnson also seemed to hint at Obama's acknowledged youthful drug use, an issue that led another Clinton campaign official to resign. Johnson later denied that was the case.

Clinton was quoted just before the New Hampshire primary as saying King's dream of racial equality was realized only when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Some black leaders have criticized that remark as suggesting Johnson deserved more credit than the slain civil rights leader for the passage and enactment of major civil rights legislation.

While introducing Clinton at Columbia College on Sunday, Johnson criticized Obama's camp.

"That kind of campaign behavior would not be reasonable with me for a guy who says 'I want to be a reasonable, likable, Sidney Poitier,"' said Johnson, owner of the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats. He commented after Clinton said in a televised interview Sunday that she hoped the campaign would not be about race.

Mullen says he favors closing terror prison as soon as legal issues are worked out

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — The chief of the U.S. military said Sunday he favors closing the prison here as soon as possible because he believes negative publicity worldwide about treatment of terrorist suspects has been "pretty damaging" to the image of the United States.

"I'd like to see it shut down," Adm. Mike Mullen said in an interview with three reporters who toured the detention center with him on his first visit since becoming chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff last October.

His visit came two days after the sixth anniversary of the prison's opening in January 2002. He stressed that a closure decision was not his to make and that he understands there are numerous complex legal questions the administration believes would have to be settled first, such as where to move prisoners.

The admiral also noted that some of Guantanamo Bay's prisoners are deemed high security threats. During a tour of Camp Six, which is a high-security facility holding about 100 prisoners, Mullen got a firsthand look at some of the cells; one prisoner glared at Mullen through his narrow cell window as U.S. officers explained to the Joint Chiefs chairman how they maintain almost-constant watch over each prisoner.

Mullen, whose previous visit was in December 2005 as head of the U.S. Navy, noted that President Bush and Defense Secretary Robert Gates also have spoken publicly in favor of closing the prison. But Mullen said he is unaware of any active discussion in the administration about how to do it.

Police: Suspect in slain N.C. Marine case spotted in Louisiana and may be headed to Texas

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The key suspect in the brutal slaying of a 20-year-old pregnant Marine was spotted in Louisiana and could be headed into Texas, authorities said Sunday.

Marine Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean was seen at a Greyhound bus station in Shreveport, La., Saturday night by several fellow passengers, said Onslow County Sheriff Ed Brown. The bus Laurean was riding was headed to Texas, he said, but authorities didn't know yet if he continued on that route.

"We're working with the U.S. Marshal's Service and other law enforcement agencies trying to locate him," Shreveport police Chief Henry Whitehorn Sr. told The Associated Press. "We don't know if he is still in the area. We believe it may have just been a pass through."

Federal officials said Sunday they had issued a fugitive warrant for his arrest.

Brown said earlier that evidence in the case "leads us to believe that he would be a dangerous and violent person if put in a corner."

In South Carolina, churchgoers still searching for a GOP candidate

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The faithful in South Carolina are still looking for the Republican presidential candidate who is the answer to their prayers.

Churchgoers on Sunday at the Redemption World Outreach Center in Greenville to those who attended services at the First Baptist Church in Columbia gave high marks to the four GOP candidates who have spent the most time in the state — Sen. John McCain of Arizona, Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee and Fred Thompson.

Huckabee, an ordained Baptist minister, would seem like a lock for South Carolina's religious voters. The former Arkansas governor, who talks openly about his faith and its tenets, won the Iowa caucuses based on strong support from evangelicals — eight of 10 who described themselves as evangelical Christians backed Huckabee, according to an Associated Press entrance poll in Iowa.

In South Carolina, where the GOP votes on Jan. 19, white evangelicals account for 53 percent of the state's likely Republican voters, according to the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Yet, churchgoers remain divided over their choices.

Automakers putting forth green outlook with higher MPG offerings at Detroit auto show

DETROIT (AP) — Hybrids, advanced diesels and green alternatives are pushing aside the traditional displays of speed and chrome at this week's Detroit auto show, a nod to a new fuel-efficient reality for car makers.

Automakers, only weeks after Congress approved tougher fuel-efficiency requirements, are broadening their array of cars that get more on a gallon of gasoline, cutting carbon dioxide emissions and using alternative power sources.

Most of the vehicles and technologies have been in the pipeline for years, but the podiums at the North American International Auto Show should further signal a shifting direction for the industry after years of pushing more horsepower and speed.

"The industry all together has to show further and faster improvements on the fuel-efficiency side," said Dieter Zetsche, chief executive of Daimler AG, which has pushed a diesel strategy to improve its fuel efficiency.

The auto industry has made vehicles more efficient in recent years, but much of the gains have been offset by increases in horsepower and vehicle weight.

Nurses give home, and their hearts, to bring health care and hope back to New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The sign on the gate in front of the pretty blue house announced the good news to a neighborhood that has had little since Hurricane Katrina: "There's a doctor in the house. Make your appointment NOW!"

Earl Davis paused to take in the words, then headed up the ramp and through the door — destined for his first doctor visit since returning to the city five months earlier. The family practitioner who treated him as a boy, and then saw his own kids, left after the storm and isn't coming back. Hundreds of other doctors have gone the same route.

Medical centers devastated by floodwaters remain closed, with the number of beds available to the sick cut in half.

Charity Hospital, which for generations provided care to the poor and uninsured, sits like a darkened tomb on a downtown street, plywood blocking the main entryway, window shades twisted and broken.

But the blue house at the corner of St. Claude Avenue and Egania Street is open for business, dispensing free health care to anyone in need.

The Lower 9th Ward Health Clinic is its official name now.

Christina Aguilera gives birth to baby boy, named Max Liron Bratman

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Christina Aguilera has given birth to a boy, the pop singer announced on her Web site Sunday.

"Christina Aguilera and Jordan Bratman are proud to announce the birth of their son Max Liron Bratman," the brief message said. "He is a beautiful, healthy baby boy."

The baby was born Saturday night and weighs 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Aguilera, 27, was "resting and doing well," according to the message on her Web site, http://www.christinaaguilera.com/.

Aguilera said that Saturday was "a very joyful and special day for Jordan and I."

There was no immediate response Sunday to several calls seeking additional comment from Aguilera's representatives.

Netflix's coming attraction: Unlimited movies streamed over high-speed Internet connections

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Girding for a potential threat from Apple Inc., online DVD rental service Netflix Inc. is lifting its limits on how long most subscribers can watch movies and television shows over high-speed Internet connections.

The Associated Press has learned the change will become effective Monday, on the eve of Apple's widely anticipated move into the movie rental industry. Although Apple hasn't confirmed anything yet, Chief Executive Steve Jobs is expected to make it official during a presentation Tuesday in San Francisco.

Until now, Netflix restricted how long its more than 7 million subscribers could use the streaming service each month, based on how much they pay to rent DVDs.

For instance, under a popular plan that charges $16.99 per month to rent up to three DVDs at a time, Netflix customers could watch as many as 17 hours of entertainment each month on the streaming service, dubbed "Watch Instantly."

With Monday's change, virtually all Netflix subscribers will be able to stream as many movies and TV shows as they want from a library containing more than 6,000 titles. There will be no additional charge for the unlimited access.

Search called off for hiker lost in San Bernardino Mountains

GREEN VALLEY LAKE (AP) — The search for a hiker lost for over a week high in the snow-blanketed San Bernardino Mountains was called off Sunday, authorities said.

About 80 people combed the area near Green Valley Lake for Dean Christy for a final time but found no trace of him before the search was ended at 3 p.m., Sheriff's Sgt. Rick Ells said.

Christy, 62, made a cell phone call for help Jan. 4 when he became disoriented in fog at an elevation of about 7,000 feet. Sunday's search concentrated on a 1 kilometer area around where the phone call came from, Ells said.

"We've searched as well as we can," Ells said. "We've pretty much covered all the area we can."

Rescuers were assisted by four snow cats, three helicopters and five search dogs. Although some snow has melted since the storm that caught Christy, movement in the rugged, densely wooded area has been made difficult by drifts as deep as 6 feet.

Christy was wearing a down jacket, gloves and hiking boots, but had no food or water.

POLICE REPORTS

The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.

ARREST -- Raelene Dondero, 29, of Willits, was arrested on suspicion of driving while under the influence in the 400 block of South State Street.

Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes no exceptions.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus, St. Mary of the Angels #3791: First and third Wednesday; 7 p.m.; 900 Oak St.; call 463-8315.

Korean War Veterans Association: Meets third Monday; 2 p.m.; Veterans Hall, Seminary and Oak in Ukiah; For information, call Paul Ferreira at 467-1974.

Retired Federal Employees: National Association of Retired Federal Employees, meets every third Tuesday at noon at Henny Penny Restaurant, corner of Orchard and Gobbi streets. Active and retired federal employees are welcome.

American Assoc. of Univ. Women: 7 p.m.; third Tuesday; call Sue Mason 463-2164.

Republican Central Committee, Mendocino County: Meets third Tuesday at 7 p.m.; Harrah Industries, 42 Madrone St., Willits; for information call, 467-8203.

Salmon Unlimited: Third Tuesday; at 7 p.m.; Farm Bureau; 303 C Talmage Road, Ukiah; call 463-1272.

Hopland American Legion Post 529: Meets third Wednesday; 6 p.m.; American Legion Hall on Feliz Creek Road.

Human Society Inland Mendocino County: Meets third Wednesday; 6:30 p.m.; conference room at Realty World Selzer Reatly; 350 E. Gobbi St., in Ukiah; 485-0123.

Redwood Purls Knitters Guild: Open to all levels of knitters; third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m., at Heidi's Yarn Haven, 180 School St., Ukiah; 462-0544, call Miriam at 485-7743.

Disabled American Veterans: Third Thursday; 7 p.m.; Veterans Memorial Hall, 293 Seminary Ave., call 485-7706.

Bereavement Group: Meets third Thursday; open to the community; at 5:30 to 7 p.m.; Phoenix Certified Hospice of Mendocino County, Evergreen Shopping Center, 1712 S. Main St., Willits; call 459-1818.

United Way Inland Mendocino Community Council: Third Thursday; from noon to 1:30 p.m.; Ukiah Community Center Food Bank conference room; call Yvonne Hall at 744-8567.

Ukiah Garden Club: Night meeting open to the public; third Monday; 7 p.m.; Ukiah Garden Clubhouse; 1203 Clay St., in Ukiah.

Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission: Third Friday; from noon to 2 p.m.; Conference Room at Juvenile Hall on Law Gap Road next to County Administration Building; call Anne Oliver at 467-8527.

Mendocino County Art Association: Workshops on third Saturday; 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Grace Hudson Museum; call 463-2268.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Adults Molested as Children: Meets at 1 to 2:30 p.m. every Thursday; call Judy or Linda for location and additional information at 462-9196.

Alanon: Meets Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays noon, Fridays noon, and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.; Calvary Baptist Church, 465 Luce Ave.; for more information call 463-1867 or 621-2721.

Alateen: Meets Thursdays 8 to 9 p.m.; Calvary Baptist Church, 465 Luce Ave., enter at east side back door; for more information call 468-9290.

Bingo: Non smoking, non-profit, Bingo will be held Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. and Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m., at the Ukiah Senior Center.

Card and Boardgame Club: Meets at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesdays in Bartlett Hall in Room 11 and 12 and at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, at Carter Hall at the Ukiah Senior Center; for information call Joyce, 468-8943.

Celebrate Recovery: Christ-centered 12-step recovery; Fridays at Trinity Baptist Church Hall, South Dora Street and Luce Ave, 6 p.m. fellowship dinner; 7 p.m. teaching/testimony; 8 p.m. men and women's small group sharing; 9 p.m. dessert/solid rock cafe. Babysitting provided. For more information call 462-6535.

Duplicate Bridge: Meets at 7 p.m., every Monday, and at 1 p.m., every Wednesday, in the community room at Washington Mutual Bank, corner of Gobbi and State streets. Newcomers are welcome. For more information call 468-8476.

Financial Management Workshop: Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays; Salvation Army Office, 714A S. State St, Ukiah; 468-9577.

GURDJIEFF Reading and Discussion Group: Meets 7 p.m. on Fridays. For more information, call 391-6780 or 485-7293.

Kiwanis Club: Meets at noon, Tuesday, at The Ukiah Garden Cafe 1090 S. State St.; for more information call Janet Carlson at 467-2288.

Lions Club: Meets at noon on Thursdays, at Ukiah Garden Cafe. Redwood Empire Lions Club meets at 6:45 a.m., every first and third Tuesday, at Zack's Restaurant.

Overeaters Anonymous: In Ukiah -- Mondays at 5:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 11 a.m.; 270 N. Pine St.; 472-4747. Meets in Willits on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Willits United Methodist Church, School and Pine Streets, upstairs; No dues or weigh-ins, everyone is welcome; 459-4594.

Peace and Justice Gathering: Meets Sundays rain or shine at 10 a.m. at Alex Thomas Plaza in Ukiah to drum, dance and sing for peace and justice; all ages are invited to bring drums and any other instruments; 462-2320.

Rotary Club of Ukiah: Meets for lunch at 12:10 p.m., on Tuesdays, at Elks Lodge, 1200 Hastings Road. 467-3674; www.ukiahrotary.org.

Senior Writing Class: Meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, in Room 10-11 in the Admin. Bldg. of the Ukiah Senior Center. Record memories for children and grandchildren. Free and open; for information call Kathie Jones, 468-5006.

Sex Addicts Anonymous: Meets at 6 p.m. on Sundays, at 160 W. Henry St., in Ukiah; Art, 360-8479.

Soroptimist International of Ukiah: Meets at noon, on Wednesdays, at Ukiah Garden Cafe. Soroptimist means "Best for Women" and our mission is "To improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world." For more information call Joy Beeler, at 463-6729, Tina Rorabaugh, at 744-1514 or Jessica Kimball at 743-1902.

South Ukiah Rotary Club: Meets at 7 a.m., on Thursdays at North State Cafe, 263 N. State St. in Ukiah; for more information, call president Jim Sligh at 462-8635.

T.O.P.S.: (Take off pounds sensibly)**:** Meets from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m., every Tuesday, at Calvary Baptist Church, 465 Luce Ave.; Ruth, 462-8440.

T.O.P.S.: Low-cost, non-profit group meets every Tuesday at Autumn Leaves, 425 E. Gobbi St., in the community room. Weigh-in is from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Meeting is from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.; Linda MacDonald, 467-2391.

T.O.P.S.: Every Thursday at Washington Mutual Building community room, 700 S. State St.; meeting is from 8:30 to

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Mendocino County Mock Trial Competition set for Jan. 26 and Feb. 2

The Daily Journal



Four local high school teams will compete at the annual County Mock Trial competition, sponsored by the Mendocino County Office of Education, at the Mendocino County Courthouse in downtown Ukiah beginning Saturday, Jan. 26.

Semi-final competition will continue the following Saturday morning February 2nd, with the top two teams advancing to the final round of competition to be held that afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers at Ukiah City Hall.

The finalist teams will compete for the right to become the holders of the County Mock Trial perpetual trophy for the coming year, and for the honor of representing our county at the state competition to be held in Riverside, March 28-30. Award ceremonies are scheduled to begin at approximately 3:30-4:00 p.m. on both Saturdays.

High school teacher coaches recruit students to participate in this academic enrichment activity each year. Approximately 75 students represent the four high school teams. Participating schools and coaches are: Fort Bragg High (coach-Connie Turrentine), Redwood Academy of Ukiah (coaches-Rod Logan and Benjamin Tunde-Claye), Ukiah High (coach-Orlando Briant) and Whale Gulch High (coaches-Christy Orion and Katie Allen).

The County Mock Trial competition gives high school students the opportunity to experience the American judicial system first-hand. Student teams will argue both sides of a fictitious case developed by the Constitutional Rights Foundation, the statewide coordinators of this academic enrichment activity.

This year's case, People v. Palmer, the trial Alex Palmer, an ex-employee of a famous television producer, who is alleged to have murdered his former employer Jes Markson. The defendant is charged with first-degree murder. The pretrial argument involves the admissibility of scientific evidence in a criminal trial, the outcome of which potentially affects the admissibility of certain testimony and/or evidence during the trial.

Members from all aspects of the local legal community, including judges, district attorneys, public defenders, alternate defenders, and private counsel volunteer their time to coach teams or score/officiate during the competitions. Five are coaching teams this year, including Edie Lerman (Fort Bragg); Keith Faulder/Jona Saxby (Redwood Academy); The Honorable Judge Cindee Mayfield, Katharine Elliott, and Shannon Hamilton (Ukiah); and Eric Kirk (Whale Gulch).

For more information contact Carolyn Brown at the Mendocino County Office of Education, 467-5004.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Redwood Valley Grange scholarship application deadline is April 2

Redwood Valley Grange #382 continues to offer $1,000 scholarships to Ukiah Unified school District Graduating Seniors. Every year, They offer several scholarships to graduating Ukiah District High School Seniors. To apply, a senior must have a "C" or better and be a citizen of the United States. The scholarships are open to those considering attending a university, state college, community college or trade schools.

Applications are available at the counselor's Office at Ukiah High School or by calling 485-7141. The deadline to apply for one of the scholarships is April 2.

Foster grandparent program seeks senior mentors

The foster grandparent program in Lake and Mendocino County is looking ro seniors to mentor children at local schools in Mendocino and Lake counties. In return for their service, they will receive a tax-free stipend of approximately $200 to 300 per month, plus travel reimbursement and a free meal on the days they work. Those 60 years or older, that meet income eligibility guidelines and enjoy being around children are invited to consider becoming foster grandparent schoolroom aides.

For more information, call Jan Michele at 462-2596 ext. 107.

Registation open for Fort Bragg Emergency Medical Technician class

The Mendocino County Regional Occupational Program is offering an Emergency Medical Technician class in Fort Bragg. This class will begin Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Fort Bragg Fire House, 141 N. Main Street. Classes will be held every Tuesday night from 7 to 10 p.m., including one Saturday per month. A prerequisite to the class is that a current CPR certification is required prior to starting the class. The instruction includes health care terminology; medical, legal and ethical issues; baseline vital signs; and cardiac and environmental emergencies. Actual hands-on training is part of the program. If interested in attending the class, please complete enrollment by paying the registration fee of $200 at the MCOE/ROP Coast office, 300 A Dana Street, Fort Bragg where attendees will receive their textbooks, schedule and class syllabus.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and is limited to 30 students.

For more information, contact Veronica Bazor at 964-9000.

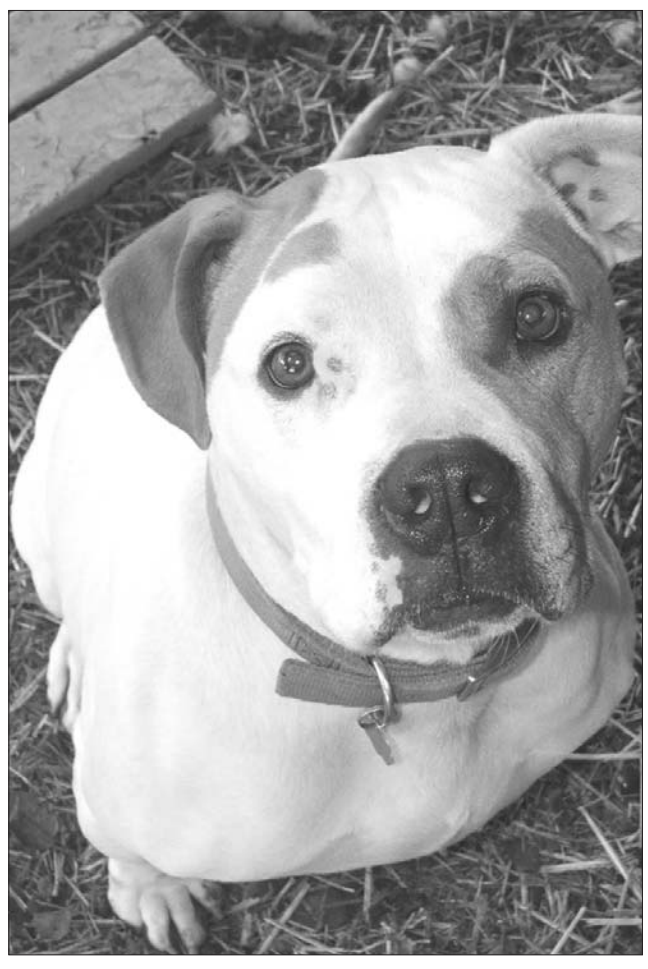
Pet of the Week



Photo by MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

This is a one-year-old sweetheart that wants to love you. Jesse is a good-looking, healthy, happy Lab/Newfinland mix that gets along with other dogs well. But he needs an active family, because this guy needs exercise. Keep in mind he is young, so he might need some training too. To adopt a pet, visit the Mendocino County Animal Shelter on Plant Road. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Saturday, the hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the shelter is closed Sundays. View other available animals at www.petfinder.com. For more information, call Sage at 467-6453.

Pet of the Week



Bulwinkle's bright personality hides his age of six years. This delightful dog is a true charmer. The recent cold winter rains are hard on his bones, as shelter life is not as comfortable as the warm home he deserves. He loves kids and people of all ages, but would be best in a home without other dogs or cats. To meet Bulwinkle, visit the Humane Society for Inland Mendocino County at 9700 Uva Drive in Redwood Valley. The shelter is open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The shelter can be reached by phone at 485-0123.

Letters from our readers

Fading prosperity and sprawl tax

To the Editor:

The opening of one typical Wal-Mart reduces a county's retail employment by 180 jobs. However, we lose much more than jobs when big-box retailers enter our community. Their aim is to extract as many of our resources as possible, moving our local wealth in one direction only: out.

New big-box stores are invariably sold to communities as job creators. The employment boost promised by the chains is only an illusion. It is true that big-box stores create many new jobs. But they eliminate more than they create by forcing other community businesses to downsize or close. The reason is simple; retail development does not represent real economic growth. The size of the retail spending "pie" is only reapportioned, not expanded, to the loss of our local community, and to the gain of investors outside of our community.

A favorite tactic used by corporate retailers is to flood a market with far more retail space than local or regional consumers can actually support. Soon the competition is marginalized and local merchants fade away. A superstore does not even need to appeal to a majority of a local customers; all it has to do is skim off enough sales to push independent community businesses into the red and then wait them out. The sales dollars and profits of locally owned businesses that were spent and circulated within other local businesses and given to local charities, begin leaking out of our local community, draining the lifeblood of vitality and security that a thriving community depends on.

We taxpayers subsidize these big-box retailers. Cities and counties focus only on one side of the temporarily increased tax revenue. The other side is Historic Downtowns and existing shopping centers declining in property value and tax revenues. While existing commercial areas decline, taxpayers are building and maintaining new public works and infrastructure to support the big-box, car dependent destination shopping outside of town. Even with developers offering to pay for road and traffic improvements, long term maintenance isn't paid for with big-box taxes. Our community loses. The net tax revenue is historically a long term tax deficit to both city and county.

Mega-retailers are homogenizing the global landscape; corporate identity is trampling local identity, and all the while we citizens and taxpayers, enjoying our local uniqueness, wake up one day to a fading prosperity and place that looks and feels like everywhere else.

Mendocino County has a pressing opportunity to create and uphold a set of growth principles through its General Plan to accommodate new and sustainable retail, housing, and industrial growth within existing zoning areas. Opportunist developers are taking advantage of a county that doesn't know how quickly is lost the unique and precious place it is in the world.

Alan Nicholson
Talmage

Do more for affordable housing

To the Editor:

Please make the homeless have more than just a possibility to find a place to live. I have been homeless and the newspaper's apartment ads say, in bold letters sometimes, 'No HUD.' As they did in Santa Rosa in 2000. Also, some of the landlords ask for way more money for the deposit than we, the disabled, can afford.

It is a tragic travesty. A friend came to me with others and told me that they can't afford a studio. Some folks I know sleep at the shelter, thank you. Some try to sleep on the ground, which is illegal, as if California and other states were not owned for the people and by the people.

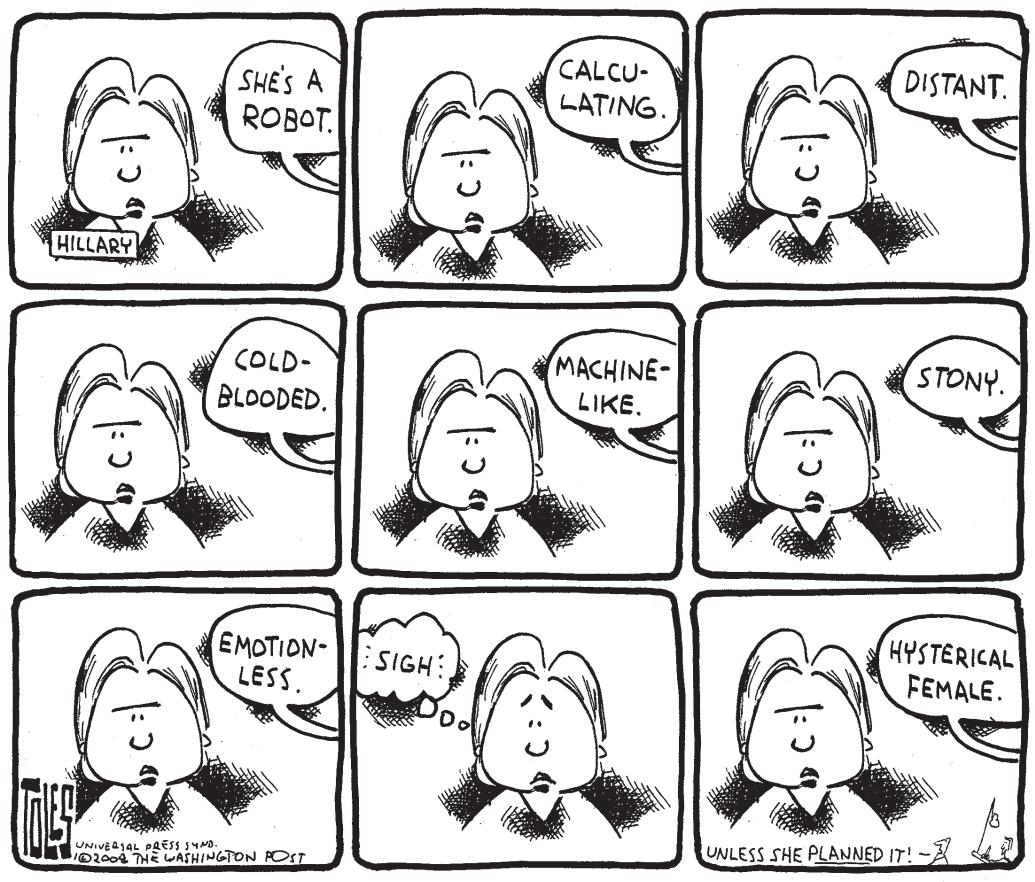
Most homeless are mentally ill and can't manage their medication; others are drug users or drug addicted. And alcohol is a drug.

Dear God, help us make America, and the world for that matter, more humane. Bless all.

Leslie Jo Feldman
Ukiah

LETTER POLICY

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Other opinions

From around the nation

San Jose Mercury News
California's kids deserve better

California has 9.5 million children, and one out of every eight children in the United States lives in the Golden State. So, how well California educates and takes care of its children plays an important role in the state — and nation's — future.

Yet California is failing its children to a frightening degree in almost every important area of their development. The state must find ways to send more kids to preschool, help them become more physically fit and graduate at a substantially higher rate from high school.

The latest report card on how the state's children are doing was issued last week by Children Now, the respected nonprofit and nonpartisan kids' advocacy organization. It documented that fewer than half (47 percent) of California's 3- and 4-year-olds are in preschool. A third of the state's children are obese. And more than a third fail to graduate from high school. These are the kind of numbers one would expect from a poor, disadvantaged state with a noncaring populace. California has the resources, heart and expertise to do far better by its children. ...

Some will be quick to blame the state's low grades on the high number of illegal immigrants in the state. But the Children Now study points out that 94 percent of California's children are U.S. citizens. The state's low rankings are more pronounced among low income and minority families, but the problem exists in every county in the state, regardless of income and ethnicity.

The issues cited by Children Now aren't new. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger made comprehensive health care reform the top public policy priority of 2007 and wants to make education reform the No. 1 issue of 2008. But he will face a massive challenge in completing health care and education reform because the state is confronting a $14 billion budget deficit this year.

It's no secret that children who have health insurance, are physically fit and receive a quality education are more likely to become productive, less burdensome members of society.

Putting children first must be California's top priority.

The Sacramento Bee
Up for grabs

In a year of high interest in the race for president, the field remains wide open. The earliest small states have taken their measure of the candidates and now Californians will have their say on Feb. 5.

In Iowa four days ago, voters in both party caucuses went overwhelmingly for the youngest candidates, those least tied to the Bush era — Barack Obama for the Democrats and Mike Huckabee for the Republicans. This generational shift was led by younger voters who turned out in numbers equal to older voters.

In New Hampshire, as in Iowa, more voters turned out for the Democratic primary than the Republican primary — a strong hint that Democrats are highly motivated in 2008. But in New Hampshire yesterday, the voting electorate was older.

In the Republican primary, these voters went for John McCain, at 71 the oldest candidate in the field and the one with the most experience. McCain — a former Navy fighter pilot, Vietnam prisoner of war and U.S. senator since 1986 — represents enduring American values of courage and steadfastness. On any number of issues he is unwavering in offering unpopular stances because they're "what my experience and knowledge and background tells me is the right thing to do." Refreshingly, he doesn't pander to polls or slam opponents. He's of the old school that believes his role is "not to play it safe" but to "serve my country." That's not a generational change, but a generational restoration.

In the Democratic primary, voters resurrected the candidacy of Hillary Clinton, while also showing strong support for Obama. It's clear that Democratic voters are still mulling over a choice between Clinton and Obama — and enjoying the competition. This should make the candidates better as they move into the next set of caucuses and primaries that will seal the race: Michigan (Jan. 15), Nevada and South Carolina (Jan. 19), Florida (Jan. 29) and then the 22 Tsunami Tuesday states on Feb 5.

Nothing is foreordained in this election for either party. That's an exhilarating thought as Californians prepare to weigh in Feb. 5.

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California focus



TOM ELIAS

Who does Arnold really speak for?

It's Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's own doing that from now until he is termed out at the end of 2010, no one will really know when he's speaking for himself and when he's merely a heavily accented ventriloquist's dummy speaking for all those who pay his campaign bills and travel expenses.

When he gives his state of the state speech and advocates new water projects, is he speaking from his own analysis of what the state needs or for the real estate and development interests who have given him more than $22 million and need new sources of water for their projects?

When he gave hospitals reprieves of from 12 years to 22 years by approving December rule changes that essentially allow hospitals to remain earthquake collapse hazards for decades to come, was he doing what he thinks right or pursuing the short-term profit goals of hospital and health insurance interests that have given him $5 million since mid-2003?

Does he decide what to do, or take orders from the monied interests whose usually anonymous donations fund the non-profit that pays for his "fantastic" junkets to places like China and the United Kingdom?

Schwarzenegger leaves himself open to these kinds of questions, and to the possibility of his Teflon and his popularity wearing thin because he continually breaks the first promise he made as a candidate and often tries to hide the fact he's doing so.

That promise was to fund all his political activities himself. Just after announcing his recall election candidacy on Jay Leno's late-night TV show, Schwarzenegger assured reporters he would never need to take money from special interests, that he had plenty of funds to cover all his political expenses and more.

Since then he's raised more than $120 million in officially reported donations from individuals and companies that either do business with the state or rely on state approval for various aspects of their business.

Meanwhile, no one knows how much has been raised to pay his travel expenses, including leased private jets that cost up to $100,000 per hour and luxury hotel suites going for $5,000 per night and up in the fanciest hotels of Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo, London, Jerusalem and other cities.

That's because, as a Los Angeles Times investigation revealed, his aides don't keep written records of travel costs and donations, instead tracking these matters only orally. It's not even clear whether these funds have been used for his frequent Idaho vacations and other personal trips.

The lifestyle funded by these practices, which at least skirt close to the boundaries of state gift disclosure laws, stands in stark contrast to the way his predecessors lived. Ex-Gov. and current Attorney General Jerry Brown famously rode around in an aging pale blue Plymouth sedan. The ousted Gray Davis flew commercial coach between Sacramento and his condominium in Los Angeles. Pete Wilson rode in an aging Oldsmobile sedan and George Deukmejian was the essence of unpretentiousness.

It's not that Schwarzenegger lacks the personal funds to pay for both his campaigns and his lifestyle. His fortune was estimated at between $100 million and $200 million when he was elected and has likely grown since. He has spent at least $10 million of his personal dollars on political activities.

But he has long evaded keeping his first promise, excusing himself by saying that because he has so much money, no donation can ever influence him.

Yet, it is difficult to find any decision he's made as governor that harmed the corporate interests whose donations he seeks so assiduously. The unaccounted travel donations have the potential to be especially pernicious. Because Schwarzenegger is far more accessible while traveling that at home, the business executives who are often his fellow travelers get many chances to bend his ear. No one can be sure what influence that has on his decisions.

And even if the governor himself is not influenced, his aides and appointees know who pays and who does not. They also know that when their decisions displease the governor and his donors, they will be gone quickly like recent chiefs of the Air Resources Board and the agency regulating chiropractors.

Schwarzenegger still has time to fix all this. He's ruled out running for either the U.S. Senate or mayor of Los Angeles after leaving Sacramento's horseshoe, so why should he seek more campaign cash? And if he now begins disclosing who pays for his luxury travel, he will at least be letting the public know which agendas are being promoted to him.

The governor demonstrated after his 2005 special election disaster that he can change course almost instantly. The bottom line: if he doesn't clean up his fund-raising act, he can never again maintain that his administration is pure and clean. So almost every action he takes in his remaining time as a public "servant" will be open to serious question.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Presentation of Draft SmartCode set for Jan. 15

The draft 'Form Based' Zoning Code for the Ukiah Downtown/Perkins Street corridor will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 15, from 4 to 8 p.m., at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 S. State St., Ukiah. The draft code will be available at the meeting. Call Pamela Townsend, City of Ukiah, at 463-6206 for more information.

Sharlene Kaye to give presentation on Jan. 16

Sharlene Kaye will gie a presentation on positive thinking and viewing one's inner self on Jan. 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. The presentation will take place at the Washington Mutual meeting room, at Gobbi Street and State Street.

For more information, or to RSVP, call 489-7087.

AARP driver safety program to hold classes on Jan. 17

An AARP driver safety class will be held in Ukiah on Thursday, Jan. 17 from 8:30 to 1 p.m. This class will be held at the Mendocino County Department of Social Services at 747 S. State St., Ukiah. This class is a one day, 4.5 hour class only for those who have taken the 8 hour course within the last four years.

By law, auto insurance discounts are available upon the completion of this course. Some insurance companies allow age 50 for this discount. The cost of the course is $10, and it must be repeated every 3 years in order to continue your insurance discount.

To reserve a place in the class, call Jan at 462-7314.

PCCY and PCCY Child Abuse Prevention Commission to meet Jan. 18

The Policy Council on Children and Youth and the PCCY Child Abuse Prevention Commission will meet on Friday, Jan. 18, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Mendocino County Department of Social Services ab 747 S. State St, in the Big Sur Conference Room, Ukiah. Videoconferencing to Ukiah will be held at the Fort Bragg office of the Department of Social Services, at 825 S. Franklin.

For more information, call Jill Singleton at 463-7929.

Family-style Italian dinner set for Jan. 18

A family-style dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at the Ukiah Senior Center on Jan. 18, and the menu includes pasta and meat sauce, green salad, garlic bread and dessert. Wine and beer will also be available at $2 a glass. Food will be prepared by Chef Lillian Pacini.

The even has been co-sponsored by the Board of Directors Nancy Paxton, Ed Mills, Sharon Marshall, John McCowen, Lillian Pacini and John Walker.

Non-refundable tickets for Italian Night dinner are only $8, available in at Ukiah Senior Center or by calling 462-4343. This Board of Directors fundraiser is a benefit for the Ukiah Senior Center.

Wave energy forum set for Jan. 19

The City of Fort Bragg and Mendocino County are hosting a free, day-ling wave energy forum on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dana Gray Elementary School Multi-purpose room locates at 1197 Chestnut Street in Fort Bragg.

The wave energy forum is intended to provide information to the community about wave energy from a variety of stakeholder perspectives. Speakers include:

- Industry representatives (wave energy technology developers and PG&E).
- State and Federal agencies entrusted with permitting jurisdiction for wave energy projects.
- State and Federal regulatory agencies with permitting jurisdiction for wave energy projects.
- Representatives of the commercial and recreational fishing industry, and other local community interest groups.
- Representatives from the State of Oregon and Lincoln County, Oregon, where the wave energy development review process has advanced further than in California.

The wave energy forum will be an opportunity for people to ask questions and get answers on a wide range of topics relating to wave energy. A buffet lunch will be provided at no cost.

For more information, call Fort Bragg City Manager Linda Ruffing at 961-2823.

Kate Frey to present at UGC meeting on Jan. 21

Kate Frey, who has twice won gold at the Chelsea Flower Show in England, will present the program at the Ukiah Garden Club's evening meeting. Her presentation will include a discussion of how she did it, and a slideshow of her most recent gold medal demonstration garden at Chelsea.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at 1203 Clay Street on Monday, Jan. 21. Everyone is welcome to attend.

5th Annual MLK Day Event set for Jan. 21

Mendocino County Martin Luther King. Jr. Organization (McMLK) invites the public to attend Mendocino County's 15th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance. The event will be held on Monday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at the Ukiah Valley Civic Center located at 300 Seminary Avenue in Ukiah. For more information about McMLK, call LaCretia Peoples, McMLK founder and managing director at 485-4107.

Positive Parenting presentation of "Bedtime is a Nightmare!" set for Jan. 22

This free presentation will help parents respond positively to children's bedtime needs -- and also get a good night's sleep! This free presentation will be given by Dr. Kirsten Whelan on Jan. 22 from 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. at Ukiah Valley Primary Care's new building at 260 Hospital Drive, upstairs, in the southeast corner. Childcare will not provided. For more information call Raise & Shine at 462-1233.

Literacy Volunteers of Willits seek volunteer tutors

Literacy Volunteers of Willits are looking for members of the community willing to teach someone else to write and speak English. They will train the volunteer tutors and furnish with tools to aid in their work. They will hold a Tutor Training Orientation from 3 to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan 23, in the Willits Library conference room.

A Basic Tutor Training Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the library. For more information, or to make reservations call Pam at 459-1586, leave a message on their office answering machine, 459-5098 or e-mail them at lvw@willitsonline.com.

'Healthy Children: Body, Heart and Mind' presentation set for Jan. 24

In his brief talk, Dr. Macdonald, a dad, local pediatrician and Raise and Shine provider, will focus on a few things parents and caregivers can do to encourage healthy emotional development. The presentation will be held on Jan. 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ukiah Valley Primary Care's new building at 260 Hospital Drive (Upstairs, Southeast Corner). Childcare will not be provided. For more information, call Raise and Shine at 462-1233.

'A Day in Al-Anon' set for Jan. 26

The Al-Anon Fellowship of Lake and Mendocino Counties (District Two) invites the community to "A Day in Al-Anon," on Saturday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Ukiah (corner of Dora and Perkins). The Day will host two speakers, numerous workshops, a free lunch, a raffle, and fellowship. A donation of $5 is requested for the Day. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Mary 743-2001 or Marian 463-1867.

Grange pancake breakfast set for Jan. 27

The Little Lake Grange #670 will hold a pancake breakfast on Jan. 27, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. They are serving pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee or tea for $5. The Little Lake Grange is located at 291 School Street in Willits. For more information, call the Grange at 459-9716.

Pianos and drums to entertain at the Ice Cream Social on Jan. 28

The Jan. 28 Ice Cream Social at the Ukiah Senior Center, 495 Leslie St., will feature Pianos and Drums for their entertainment portion.

At 2:30 to 3:30, attendees will be given ice cream with toppings, pie, and coffee for just $1. Members of the Center who have a birthday in January or are 90 years or older are admitted free. The Social includes a drawing for $50 cash anonymously donated each month, and two separate door prizes from Windmills Restaurant, each for a Breakfast for Two.

Eric Larson will serve as master of ceremonies, with past Senior Center Board Members as celebrity scoopers. Dolores Carrick and Russ Johnson will provide music for the hour. Donors for this event are Inez Hosea, John Bogner, Betty McGlade, Safeway Stores, and Creative Workshop with profits going into the General Fund to support senior services in the Ukiah Valley.

Members of the public of all ages are welcome to attend. For more information, or if interested in performing, contact Nancy at 485-5231.

Phoenix Certified hospice bereavement support groups set to begin Jan. 30

The next Phoenix Certified Hospice Bereavement Support Groups will begin the end of January. Their Willits group will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will meet Wednesday evenings. Their Ukiah group will be held in the afternoons beginning on Thursday Jan. 31 from 2 to 4 p.m. and will meet every Thursday for 8 weeks. There is no charge for the groups, however preregistration is required due to limited group size. To register or request further information, contact Stephanie Gang at 456-3243.

CALFIRE accepting Firefighter I applications for 2008

CALFIRE has announced that applications for seasonal Firefighter I will be accepted through Jan. 31, 2008 for the 2008 season in the Mendocino Unit.

Applicants must be 18 years of age at the time of hire. Those interested in applying for this position need to mail or take their application to the CALFIRE Mendocino Unit Headquarters Office at 17501 North Highway 101, Willits, CA.

Applications must be received or postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2008.

Applications may be obtained from the CALFIRE Fort Bragg Station and CALFIRE Unit Headquarters Office at Howard Forest, Willits, or the Employment Development Departments in Ukiah and Fort Bragg. Local high schools and colleges also have the current applications.

Applications are also being accepted by other GAL FIRE Units throughout the State. Further information can be obtained by contacting CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit Headquarters Office at 459-7414 or via the Internet at www.fire.ca.gov.

Alliance for Democracy invites input Feb 2

The Alliance for Democracy will hold a public gathering on Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in Fort Bragg at the Senior Center, 490 North Harold Street. Anyone interested in the Alliance's mission of restoring democracy and creating environmentally, socially and economically just communities is invited to attend this annual meeting to discuss the Alliance's future directions and activities.

It has been serving the coastal community by hosting monthly events featuring speakers, panel discussions, and movies on issues that impact the community, the nation and the world. This meeting is an opportunity for the Alliance to thank the community for its continued support and to invite community input and participation in the Alliance's future activities on the coast. New, ideas on how to build a sustainable, democratic community are welcome.

For more information, contact Toni Rizzo at 964-8689 or toni@mcn.org.

See's Valentine Candy Sales set to begin Feb. 4

Soroptimist International of Ukiah will be selling Sees Candy in front of Raley's Supermarket, at the Crossroads Shopping Center. Sales begin on Monday, Feb. 4, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. through Wednesday Feb. 13, or until sold out.

Soroptimist International of Ukiah is a nonprofit organization that helps women and girls in the community and the world. For more information, call Penny at 391-5177.

Hospice of Ukiah announces grief recovery support group

Hospice of Ukiah, Inc., a vounteer hospice, will offer an eight week series of support groups open to any adult who has experienced the death of a loved one. This will be an opportunity for them to express feelings of loss and receive information for coping.

The groups will meet on Wednesday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m., Feb. 6 through March 26, at the Hospice of Ukiah, Inc. offices, located at 620 S. Dora St., suite 101. The series is offered free of charge. For more information, or to register, call 391 8013.

Event of the Heart: Midnight at the Oasis set for Feb. 9

The 21st Annual Event of the Heart: Midnight at the Oasis will be held on Saturday Feb. 9th at Carl Purdy Hall at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds in Ukiah. The Mendocino Wine Company Reception will begin at 6 p.m. with appetizers, belly dancers, and the display of live and silent auction items donated by local businesses. At 7 p.m., a Mediterranean dinner including Greek salad, rice pilaf, chicken kabobs or spanokopita, baklava and ravini will be served by Zach's Catering. The live auction will begin at 8 p.m., and the silent auction closes at 9:30 p.m. when Rootstock will play dance music until midnight. The raffle drawing will occur at 11 p.m. for a grand prize of over $2,000 of local goods and services.

The Event of the Heart is hosted by the Mendocino County AIDS Volunteer Network for the benefit for persons affected by HIV/HCV.

MCAVN provides HIV/HCV prevention and care services.

Tickets for the dinner/dance are $60; dance-only tickets are $10. Raffle tickets are $5 each or 6 for $25. To reserve a place at the table, send a check to MCAVN, P. O. Box 1350, Ukiah, CA 95482, call 462-1932 or e-mail info@mcavn.org. Tickets are also available at Mendocino Book Company, Ukiah Natural Foods, and Leaves of Grass.

Redwood Empire Lions Club to hold crab feed on Feb. 10

On February 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. the Redwood Empire Lions Club will be holding their 35th Annual Crab Feed at Carl Purdy Hall at the Ukiah Fairgrounds. The price of the meals will be $25 for adults and $12.50 for children 10 years and under. In addition to cracked crab, salad, beans and garlic bread, they will also be serving Julio's Spaghetti.

There will be a live auction and prize drawings during the event. All proceeds from this event will be used to serve those in need in our community. Meal and drawing tickets may be obtained by calling Marge at 463-2238 or Sandy at 621-2563. The Ukiah Fairgrounds are located at 1055 North State Street, Ukiah.

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10:30 a.m.; it is a low-cost, weight-reduction support group; call 462-4901 or 485-7801.

T.O.P.S.: Every Friday at the Meadows Mobil Court clubhouse, 8686 East Road, Redwood Valley; weigh in from 9 to 9:30 a.m., meeting from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m.; call 485-8260 or 485-7795.

Ukiah City Councilmember Benj Thomas will be available for questions and conversation at Schat's Bakeries and Café, 113 W. Perkins St. on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30. He can also be reached at 707-972-3949 or by email at Benj@ukiahguy.com.

Ukiah Community of Mindful Living: Meets Monday evenings from 6 p.m.; an interfaith Mindfulness Practice Group inspired by teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh; it uses meditation exercises to deepen awareness, expand ability to deal with difficulties, and increase joy in life; open to all levels of experience; free; 462-7749.

Gamblers Anonymous: Open group meeting, 7 to 8:30 p.m., every Thursday; Christadelphian Hall, 23 Oak Knoll Road, just off S. State St., Ukiah; free; 467-9326.

Ukiah Senior Center Luncheon: All are invited to meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, at the Ukiah Senior Center, 499 Leslie St., $5 members; call to make a reservation; 462-4343.

Ukiah Toastmasters Club: Meets Fridays, from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. in the Washington Mutual Conference Room, 700 S. State St., Ukiah; for information call Carol Crandal, 743-1624.

Willits Chess Club: Meets beginning at 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. and playing until people finish on Fridays, at McDonalds, on Main Street in Willits; all level of players are welcome; for information, call Herb, 459-5911.

If an organization changes a phone number, an address, or any information in this calendar, call Richard Rosier at the Ukiah Daily Journal at 468-3520, or e-mail at udjfeatures@pacific.net.



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LOCAL CALENDAR

This week:

- Mon., Mendocino mens' basketball vs. Alameda College @ 6 p.m.
- Tues., UHS girls' basketball vs. Santa Rosa, freshmen @ 4:30 p.m., jv 6 p.m. and varsity 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., Mendocino mens' basketball vs. Merritt College @ 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., Mendocino womens' basketball vs. Los Medanos College @ 5:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mendocino mens' basketball @ Marin, 7:30 p.m.
- Fri., Mendocino womens' basketball @ Merritt, 5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY DIGEST

Free Basketball show

Leanne Moore, the ASB President at Ukiah High School, would like to thank every volunteer who helped in the search of Ted Daly by inviting them to the varsity girls' basketball game on Tues. January 15th when they take on Santa Rosa at 7:30 p.m. for FREE.

So if you contributed at all in Daly's search and rescue feel free to come watch the varsity Lady Cats continue their great play on the house.

Mendo Rugby Club

The Mendocino Rugby Club is currently looking for players for the 2008 season which begins on January 26th.

The team has begun practicing and practices are held on Wednesdays on the softball field at 5 p.m. All people are welcome with any experience level.

Junior Trapshooting Clinic

The clinic will be held on Jan.12 from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

The cost is $25 and lunch will be provided. The topics of discussion will include safety, handling and storage of firearms, the history of trapshooting etc.

Firearms and ammo will be provided.

To sign up and get more info call Cliff Mann at 743-1141 or Chris Hendricks at 743-2445

Pony League Signups

Ukiah Pony/Colt league will be having signups for the 2008 season in conjuction with Little League on Jan. 16, 17, and 22.

This league is for boys and girls ages 13-17 abd all games are located at Anton Stadium.

Please bring a certified copy of your child's birth certificate and the signup fee of $75.

If you have any questions, call Kris at 468-3800.

North Ukiah and South Ukiah signups

Both the North and South Ukiah Little League signups will be held Jan. 16, 17, and 22 from 6-8p.m. in the Yokayo elementary School Cafeteria.

All parents must bring the following: an original state or federal certified birth certificate, three proof of residency documents, the signup fee of $55 for the first child and $50 for each additional sibling, and a $30 deposit for required service hours in the form of a check.

Players can be no younger than 5 and no older than 12 by April 30 to participate in Little League.

Limited scholarships will be available based on financial need.

If you have an question about North Ukiah Little League, you can call the hotline at 468-4232 or visit the website at www.eteamz.com/null. For South Ukiah Little League call 468-8800 or visit their website at www.eteamz.com/sull.

Youth Soccer League

Ukiah Valley Youth Soccer League is holding there League Membership Meeting Jan. 22, 6:30 at the Consolidated Tribal Health (on North State St between Calpella and Redwood Valley) At this meeting we will elect new Board of Directors for the 2008 season, establish fee increases adopt any changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and/or General Procedures.

This is an open meeting for anyone to attend and give feedback on how your season went. For further information please visit our website uvysl.org or call the hotline at 467-9797.

Team in training

Train for a marathon or half marathon (run or walk), triathlon or 100-mile cycling event while raising money to help people with blood cancer.

Team in Training is a major fundraiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Learn more on Jan. 22 at 6:30p.m. at the Windsor Public Library: 9291 Old Redwood Highway Building 100, Windsor. For more information call 707-303-4800 or visit www.TeamInTraining.org/SF.

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Cowboys crumble in playoffs; Giants head to Green Bay

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas — Tony Romo can go wherever he wants with Jessica Simpson now. Eli Manning and the New York Giants knocked him and the Dallas Cowboys into the offseason Sunday.

Having to wait out long, slow drives by Dallas, Manning made his few chances count, throwing two touchdown passes to Amani Toomer and getting a 1-yard touchdown run from Brandon Jacobs for a 21-17 victory that put New York into the NFC championship game for the first time since the 2000 season.

"I won't get tired of hearing that this week," Manning said. "No one's given us much credit and probably still won't. But that's OK. We like it that way."

Cornerback R.W. McQuarters intercepted a pass into the end zone with 9 seconds left, ending the Cowboys' final drive and marking Romo's second straight last-minute goof to cost Dallas a playoff game. His flubbed hold of a short field goal in Seattle ended the Cowboys' season last year.

Manning is heading to his first NFC championship game, at Green Bay next Sunday. Manning had a much better day than his brother, Peyton, whose Indianapolis Colts were stunned by the San Diego Chargers.

"I know he was watching and rooting for me," Eli said.

Dallas' failure is huge, much bigger than last season's flop in Seattle when Romo botched the hold on a go-ahead field goal in the final minutes.

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One for the team



Aric Crabb /Bay Area News Group

Chargers player LaDainian Tomlinson sat on the sidelines of yesterday's game against the Colts after he reportedly bruised his left knee. San Diego went on to win the playoff game making the Superbowl even more wide open for the New England Patriots.

Chargers stun Colts 28-24

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — After handing New England a huge gift, the San Diego Chargers believe it's time to give the unbeaten Patriots something else: a challenge.

And, oh yeah, a loss.

By stunning Peyton Manning and the defending champion Colts 28-24 on Sunday, undermanned San Diego removed New England's biggest road block to the Super Bowl. Not that the Chargers are intimidated by facing the 17-0 Patriots in the AFC title game next weekend.

Despite having LaDainaian Tomlinson and Philip Rivers on the sideline, the Chargers won their eighth straight game. Of course, that's not even half of what New England has achieved.

"Seventeen have tried and it hasn't happened," quarterback Philip Rivers said of New England's perfect record. "We think it can happen."

> 'I'm pretty sure we'll be huge underdogs, but it's still going to be fun, just to get the opportunity. All the rest of the teams have had their opportunity to play New England, and we'll get another opportunity to do so in the AFC championship game. What a better way to go back there.'
>
> Chargers star LaDainian Tomlinson

But San Diego must avoid a repeat of its last performance at New England, when it was routed 38-14 in Week 2. That was the beginning of a slide to 5-5 for San Diego, but the Chargers (13-5) are rolling now.

"A lot has happened since then," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "We'll definitely start all over on the preparations. It's like it's a new team."

Also an undermanned team. L.T. departed in the first half with a bruised left knee, and Rivers went out in the third quarter with a damaged right knee. Both said they hoped to be ready for the Patriots, and coach Norv Turner said they are "questionable."

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Federer back to 100%

By JOHN PYE
AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer is putting his name on his apparel just as he hopes to put his stamp on the Australian Open with a third straight title.

Given his penchant for perfection and fashion, it seemed symbolic Sunday when Federer pulled a hat trick of sorts.

On the eve of the tournament, the world's top-ranked player wore a black ball cap emblazoned with a stylized version of his initials during his first public appearance at Melbourne Park.

Federer, who figured in the last 10 Grand Slam finals and won eight of them, comes into the season's first major without a competitive match in two months after withdrawing from his regular tuneup event at Kooyong because of a stomach virus.

The first order of business Sunday was quashing any suggestion that the week he spent getting rid of the bug upset his preparations to win his 13th Grand Slam title and move within one of Pete Sampras' all-time record.

"It's been some sort of a different preparation to some other Grand Slams," he said of a buildup restricted to hitting with Swiss Davis Cup captain Serevin Luethi.

"It's always tough in Australia because you don't have many matches coming in, but I'm very much used to it — not playing for four to six weeks and then coming in and playing a big tournament.

"So for me, it's not much of a change."

Just to be clear, he reiterated: "Physically I'm fine now, no more issues. I would consider myself 100 percent."

He is cautious, however, having lost six times in the first round of a major — though not since he took over the No. 1 ranking in February 2004. He requested and received a Tuesday start against 107th-ranked Diego Hartfield of Argentina to get some extra practice on the new, blue Plexicushion surface.

"I know the difficulties of a first round. They're never easy, no matter how you enter, with full confidence or little," he said.

In previous years here, as defending champion, he has had a first-day start.

Women's champion Serena Williams will play the tournament's first match, on center court.

And two former women's champions who weren't in Melbourne last year when

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Clemens not committing to deposition

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Roger Clemens' lawyer wouldn't commit Sunday to having the pitcher give a deposition to congressional investigators, even as he said the seven-time Cy Young Award winner remains willing to testify in open session before a House committee investigating denials that he used performance-enhancing drugs.

Clemens' lawyer, Rusty Hardin, was likely to meet this week with staff of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which has asked him to testify Feb. 13 along with his accuser, former trainer Brian McNamee. The committee wants to take depositions from the pair along with Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte, former Yankee Chuck Knoblauch and Kirk Radomski, the former Mets clubhouse attendant who has admitted supplying players with steroids and human growth hormone.

Hardin wouldn't directly answer questions about a deposition.

"There has been absolutely no change in Roger's willingness and indeed desire to testify under oath before Congress in a public hearing at a date of the Oversight Committee's choosing," Hardin said in a statement. "Any suggestion that he or we are having any second thoughts about that is absolutely false. All other pre-

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File Photo

Former Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens had repeatedly denied steriod use despite allegations.

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The Cowboys just wasted a 13-3 season, which matched the best in team history. They're the first No. 1 seed in the NFC to lose in this round since the NFL went to the 12-team playoff format in 1990.

They also became the seventh team to lose a playoff game against a team they'd beaten twice in the regular season — joining Dallas' 1998 club.

Worst of all is the extension of all the skids: Romo now 0-2 in the playoffs, coach Wade Phillips 0-4 and the team 0-for-the-postseason since winning a wild-card game in 1996.

The Cowboys have dropped five games since then.

The Cowboys might be headed into a stormy offseason. Team owner Jerry Jones said Thursday he would keep Phillips regardless of what happened in the playoffs. Now that will be tested, especially with highly valued assistant coaches Jason Garrett and Tony Sparano interviewing for jobs elsewhere.

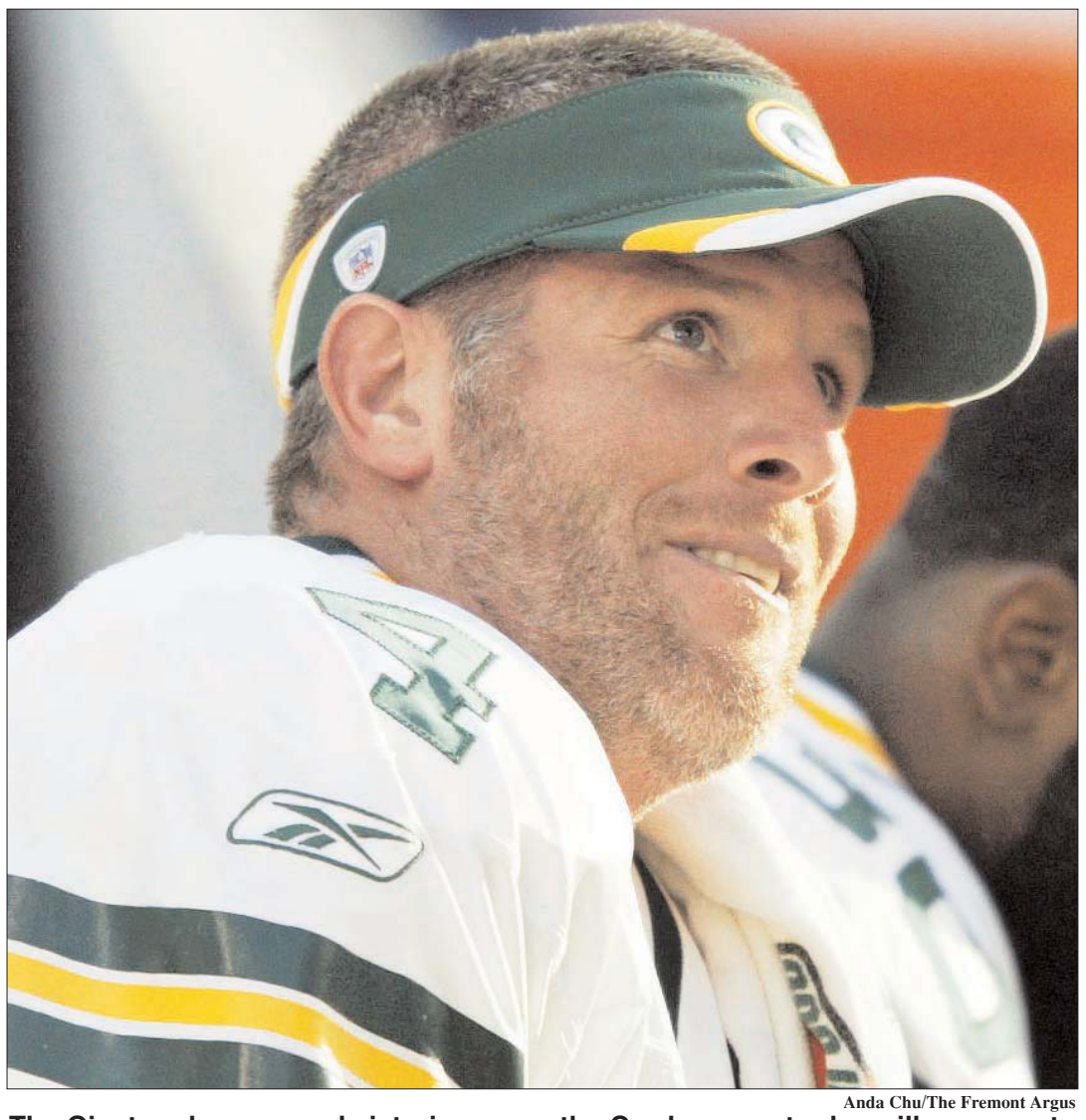
Critics may point to Romo's trip to Mexico last weekend with his latest celebrity girlfriend as a disruption, but the problems went a lot deeper. There were all kinds of penalties that hurt Dallas drives and helped New York's, sloppy tackling on defense and special teams, dropped passes and wasted timeouts.

The Giants loved every bit of it.

New York gave up 45 and 31 points in the first two meetings, in part because the defensive front that produced an NFL-best 53 sacks went hard after Romo but missed and wound up allowing big plays.

This time, the Giants were content to give up short yardage, and the Cowboys accepted the invitation.

Their first three scoring drives took nine, 20 and 14 plays, burning a total of 23:32 off the clock.



Anda Chu/The Fremont Argus

The Giants, who emerged victorious over the Cowboys yesterday will move on to face Brett Favre and the Packers.

Dallas converted eight straight third downs in that stretch, yet came away leading only 17-14 midway through the second quarter.

Toomer turned a short pass into a 52-yard touchdown on the game-opening drive, breaking free from two tackles and running away from everyone else.

New York hardly had the ball the rest of the first half, but got it back at its 29 with 47 seconds left and Manning turned it into another touchdown to Toomer, a 4-yarder on a drive helped along by a 15-yard face mask penalty.

The Cowboys stuck with their formula at the start of the third quarter, taking more than half the time off the clock on another long march. Yet a drop in the end zone by tight end Anthony Fasano and a false start penalty on Flozell Adams stalled things. Dallas settled for a field goal and a 17-14 lead.

The Giants had to go only 37 yards on their go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

Jacobs ran it in, then threw the ball into the play clock for emphasis.

The 91st meeting between these teams, and first in the playoffs, would only get more interesting from there. Not better, just interesting.

The teams traded scoring chances — and missed opportunities.

Romo was sacked on the next drive and wound up leaving the field pointing at teammates and pouting after an incompletion. New York then started on its 3-yard line and saw Jacobs get stuffed on a third-and-1.

Dallas had great field position, but Romo wasted it with another sack.

Then came a third-down conversion erased by an illegal formation penalty, an intentional grounding on a heave out of bounds and a third-and-20 pass to Terrell Owens that came up short.

Manning was only able to take the clock down to the 2-minute warning on the next drive, ending it with a sack of his own. Dallas had 1:50 seconds to go 48 yards, but Romo couldn't do it.

A Brett Favre-esque scrambling shovel pass to Jason Witten got the Cowboys to the 22 with 31 seconds left.

Then came another false start, a short pass that forced Dallas to use its final timeout and a pair of poor throws — a ball in the end zone that Patrick Crayton seemed to give up on before speeding up at the last second and the final play caught by McQuarters in front of Terry Glenn.

Clemens

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appearance issues and scheduling we will discuss privately with the committee and do not think it is appropriate to discuss those matters publicly."

McNamee told baseball drugs investigator George Mitchell that he injected Clemens with steroids and HGH in 1998, 2000 and 2001, allegations the pitcher denies.

ESPN.com, citing an unidentified individual familiar with the inquiry, reported Hardin is hedging on whether Clemens will give a deposition because it could interfere with the defamation suit Clemens filed against McNamee on Jan. 6.

The individual also said Hardin might not give the committee the recording of a Dec. 12 interview involving McNamee and Clemens' investigators.

"This backtracking by Hardin is indicative of him getting cold feet. Roger will never testify," said Richard Emery, one of McNamee's lawyers. "Now we're seeing his true colors being revealed, that he's refusing to go before Congress and do that by trying to put it off."

A deposition allows staff lawyers for the committee time to push witnesses on points in ways congressmen often don't. Any inconsistencies the deposition and later testimony during a hearing could be exposed.

"He has no choice in the matter if he's subpoenaed," Emery said. "It's just a question of whether the congressional investigators will be subpoena him. If they don't, they'd be crazy. The whole point is to investigate in advance of the hearing so it isn't a circus."

McNamee's lawyers keep hinting there is additional evidence to back his account but won't go into details.

"We've always said there will be clear corroboration," Emery said. "Clear corroboration exists. And I won't say anything more."

In the opener of Congress' baseball/steroids doubleheader, commissioner Bud Selig, union head Donald Fehr and Mitchell are to testify before the committee on Tuesday. Mitchell has refused to release most of the evidence supporting his report, saying that decision was up to Major League Baseball and others who supplied evidence to him.

A former Senate majority leader and current Boston Red Sox director, Mitchell made 20 recommendations in his Dec. 13 report.

Selig has adopted many but others are subject to collective bargaining, such as Mitchell's call for drug testing to be moved to an independent body.

Players have complained that Mitchell had no standard of evidence for what he printed in the report. Clemens angrily was upset that he has been presumed guilty.

Fehr said the issue goes beyond that.

"Once the report issues, there's going to be a natural tendency for people to treat it as accurate merely because it issued and that is without any sort of the normal process you would have," Fehr said. "The whole premise of drug-testing is that you are presumed guilty unless you are proved innocent, and that is fairly inconsistent with normal modes of jurisprudence, but that's what we have."

Chargers

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"That's the true measure of a team," Tomlinson said. "Guys stepped up and got it done."

Those guys included Billy Volek at quarterback and Michael Turner as the main runner. Led by those subs, San Diego went 78 yards on eight plays, with Volek sneaking in from the 1 with 4:50 remaining for the lead. The Chargers' big-play defense then held on downs at its 7, and stopped Indy again in the final moments to preserve their eighth straight win.

To make it nine in a row and advance to their second Super Bowl — the other was a loss to San Francisco after the 1994 season — the Chargers will need all that resourcefulness again.

"I'm pretty sure we'll be huge underdogs, but it's still going to be fun, just to get the opportunity," Tomlinson said. "All the rest of the teams have had their opportunity to play New England, and we'll get another opportunity to do so in the AFC championship game. What a better way to go back there."

For the Colts (13-4), it was a bitterly quick elimination from the postseason.

A year ago, they won three playoff games, then beat Chicago in the Super Bowl. They couldn't recapture their touch on offense or defense this time.

"What happened last year doesn't make it any easier this year," Manning said. "When you come back and commit yourself to the '07 season and you don't finish it like you want to, it hurts."

A defense that allowed the fewest points during the season wore down against the equally physical Chargers. Still, the Colts went in front 24-21 when Anthony Gonzalez slipped past Marlon McCree down the left sideline to complete a 55-yard scoring play with 10:07 to go. The Chargers challenged that Gonzalez stepped out of bounds at about the 25, but the play stood.

So San Diego's backups then won it, helped by a 27-yard screen pass to rookie Legedu Naanee and a 15-yard face-mask penalty against Indianapolis cornerback Marlin Jackson.

"When you have so many weapons, you don't have to do anything special," Volek said. "It was not like the game was out of reach. I had to go out there and fill my role."

Manning did throw for 402 yards, completing 33 of his 48 throws, but both interceptions killed deep scoring threats.

With All-Pro cornerback Antonio Cromartie getting an interception and fumble recovery, and linebackers Shawne Merriman and Shaun Phillips plaguing Manning, the Chargers showed they have the ability to throw off any offense. Maybe even the most prolific attack in NFL history next Sunday.

It was a gutty showing by Rivers, who threw for three scores — he banged his right knee on a 56-yard screen pass TD by Darren Sproles to end the third quarter. And Turner, who could be a starter elsewhere but usually sits behind league rushing leader Tomlinson, rushed for 71 yards.

The Chargers' opportunistic defense, which led the league in takeaways (48) and turnover margin (plus-24), grabbed two interceptions — both on tipped balls — and a fumble. While San Diego couldn't stop Manning's offense from steadily marching downfield most of the game, it could make the key plays that get you closer to the Super Bowl.

Still, if Tomlinson is limited or sidelined, how much chance do the Chargers have against the perfect Patriots? Not to mention perhaps missing Rivers or tight end Antonio Gates, who courageously played much of the day on a dislocated toe.

Belichick dismissed the injuries.

"We're prepared for everybody," he said. "As we saw today, any number of players could be in the game."

Rivers was 14-of-19 for 264 yards, and Volek went 3-of-4 for 48 yards in his clutch relief role. Vincent Jackson became Rivers' top target with Gates struggling, and had seven catches for 93 yards and a score.

Indianapolis lost only six fumbles all season, but Harrison, who hadn't been hit in almost three months while sidelined by a knee injury, was stripped on his first reception by Cromartie. McCree recovered at the San Diego 22, stymying a lengthy drive begun with Kelvin Hayden's interception.

San Diego capitalized with a 78-yard march, including three third-down conversions. Jackson beat double-coverage for his 14-yard score on third down, making it 7-7.

The first Indy scoring series was vintage Manning. He picked apart the Chargers with short timing throws to Joseph Addai and Reggie Wayne, who picked up 8 yards on a fourth-and-2 at the San Diego 37. Two plays later, tight end Dallas Clark used a double fake on Clinton Hart for a 25-yard touchdown catch.

Indy went on top 10-7 on Adam Vinatieri's season-best 47-yard field goal, then the Chargers, now minus L.T., got to the Colts 31 behind Turner, who gained 25 yards on the march. But Nate Kaeding's 48-yard field goal try bounced off the right upright.

In the final seconds of the half, Manning's high pass was tipped by Wayne and picked off by Cromartie, the league leader in interceptions. He got several blocks, including one on Manning, in running it back to the end zone, but a block by Eric Weddle was ruled holding, negating the long touchdown.

Notes: Norv Turner was livid at the call on Weddle, berating the officials after what appeared a simple legal push by Weddle, who also had the other San Diego interception. ... During Wayne's 9-yard sideline reception on which he dived to the pylon, he was initially ruled out-of-bounds. He was given the touchdown after the Colts challenged. ... Rivers also found Chris Chambers with a 30-yard TD pass to open the second half. ... Tomlinson ran seven times for 28 yards.

Federer

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Williams made her remarkable run to her eighth Grand Slam title are also in action on the opening day.

No. 1 Justine Henin was going through a divorce and skipped the last event, and Lindsay Davenport was pregnant with her first child and on a break from the tour.

Both come to Melbourne in sparkling form.

Henin won the French and U.S. Opens and the season-ending championship, then added the Sydney International title on Friday to enter the season's first major on a 28-match winning streak.

Her only loss in six months was against Marion Bartoli in the Wimbledon semifinals.

Henin reached the final here in 2006 but had to retire against Amelie Mauresmo because of stomach cramps, to the ire of critics who questioned her decision.

"I feel comfortable with what happened two years ago — and last year everyone knows why I wasn't here," she said on the eve of her opening match against Japan's Aiko Nakamura. "I don't have the feeling I have anything to prove to anyone. I just have a lot of motivation."

The 31-year-old Davenport has won three titles and is 18-1 since returning to the tour following the birth of her son, Jagger, last June.

But her low ranking, No. 52, meant the winner of 54 tour titles was unseeded for the draw and put her on a collision course with last year's runner-up, Maria Sharapova, in the second round.

Davenport opens her campaign on the court at Margaret Court Arena against Italy's Sara Errani, while fifth-seeded Sharapova is on Vodafone Arena court against Jelena Kostanic Tosic of Croatia.

No. 3 Jelena Jankovic faces Tamira Paszek in the other women's showcourt matches.

On the men's side, No. 2-ranked Rafael Nadal, the only player to beat Federer at the last 10 Grand Slams — at the last two French Opens — plays Viktor Troicki of Serbia in the night match on center court.

Sixth-seeded Andy Roddick faces Czech qualifier Lukas Dlouhy and No. 9 Andy Murray has a challenging opener against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France.

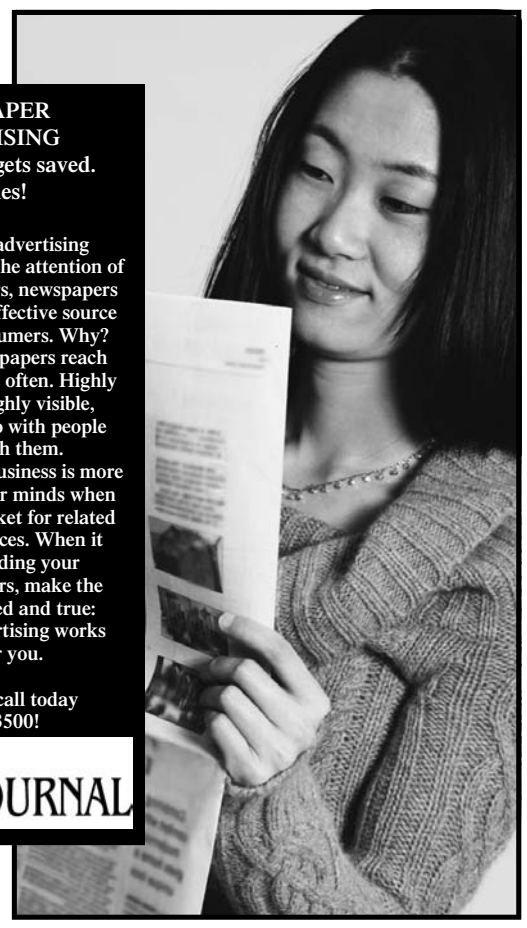
Nikolay Davydenko, still subject to a gambling probe by the ATP that has been running since last August, will play Michael Llodra.

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Pharmacies can't get new diet pill



'DIETER'S DREAM': Newly released Apatrim™ is causing a stir because of its ability to help people lose weight without adding exercise or diets to their daily routine.*[1]

Dieters lose weight without adding exercise or diets while taking newly-released weight loss discovery

By M.J. MOORE
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Call Center operators are bracing for the surge of calls from dieters around the country who will be trying to get this newly released diet pill.

This new weight loss supplement, which is not available in stores, is every dieter's dream.

The developers of this remarkable discovery have named it Apatrim™.

Everyone who has struggled with weight loss would surely agree; they would love to lose weight and inches without changing their diet or adding exercise to their daily routine.

Well, that's exactly what the clinical trial[1] showed and that's why this new weight loss supplement is getting so much attention.

Participants in the clinical trial who took the supplement as directed got great results and they were instructed not to add any exercise or change eating habits.

Scientists believe that Apatrim can suppress appetite which may mean fewer calories being consumed. Consumers should keep in mind that there is no substitute for proper diet and exercise when it comes to losing weight. Meaningful weight loss requires consuming fewer calories than the body burns.

Apatrim can be taken with complete confidence; there is no danger of embarrassing side effects.* This is unlike a recently approved 'fat blocking' diet product where the potential to experience 'accidents' exists.

WHY SO MUCH EXCITEMENT?

Scientists have uncovered an amazing compound that has a known ability to naturally control hunger pangs.*

This compound comes from a natural plant extract, and is not a drug. It is the active ingredient in Apatrim, and has been clinically shown to get excellent results that include weight loss and a reduction in waistline.*[1]

A clinical study showed that participants taking Apatrim's active ingredient lost an average of 5 times more weight than those taking a placebo. Participants also lost an average of 1 inch off their waistline, with some losing as much as 3 inches in just 4 weeks.*[1]

These great results are what's getting everyone so excited about this new weight loss breakthrough.

"The initial feedback from everyone who's heard about Apatrim has been incredible, they can't wait to start using it," said Valerie Land, Director of Call Center Operations.

CLINICAL RESULTS

The U.S. clinical study was conducted in Los Angeles under the direction of Dr. Ronald M. Lawrence,[2] M.D., Ph.D. a former clinical professor at the University of California's Los Angeles School of Medicine.

The study included healthy, overweight individuals between the ages of 31 and 73. Their caloric intake and level of exercise was not disclosed.

The participants were instructed not to change the food they were eating and not to add any exercise; in other words, no changes to their daily routine. They were told to take Apatrim 30 minutes before lunch and dinner.

The results were stunning.

An amazing 100% of the participants who took the active ingredient as instructed either lost weight or inches off their waistline during the 4 week study.* In contrast, only one person taking the placebo lost weight, just half-a-pound, and not one reduced their waistline.

Some participants experienced incredible results, losing as much as 8 pounds and up to 3 inches off their waistline.*[1]

Apatrim may just be the weight loss breakthrough that people who want to lose weight without starving or suffering through intense exercise have been waiting for.

And who knows how much weight people could lose if exercise and a reduced calorie diet were added while taking Apatrim.

HOW IT WORKS

The active ingredient in Apatrim comes from a plant that grows in India.

This 'miracle' plant is *Caralluma Fimbriata* and it has been used by native tribes in India for centuries to reduce hunger and quench thirst during times of famine and drought.*

Until recently, the only way to get these benefits was to eat the plant.

But scientists have developed a proprietary method of extraction that is protected by U.S. Patent #7,060,308. This process enables Apatrim's manufacturer to put the plant's benefits into a pill.

Scientists believe Apatrim's active ingredient works by blocking the hunger signals that are sent from the stomach to the brain (Figure 1). The brain then thinks that the stomach is full, causing a reduction in appetite.*

This can mean less calories being eaten which everyone knows leads to weight loss.*

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Professionals in the weight loss industry are recommending Apatrim to their clients.

Dr. Joseph Dietz, Director of Health Science, Research & Development for PatentHEALTH, LLC., the health care company that developed Apatrim, was very impressed with the weight loss and safety data coming from the clinicals.

"While there is no substitute for proper diet and exercise, when I saw the results from the clinical trials, I immediately recommended that we use this new compound in Apatrim," said Dr. Dietz.

"In addition to these great results, Apatrim is stimulant free and has no reported adverse effects."

"Scientific trends also suggest that in addition to appetite control, Apatrim can help block the enzymes that cause body fat to accumulate and form," added Dietz.*

When all the possible benefits of this weight loss supplement are considered, it's no wonder professionals are recommending it to their clients.

HOW TO GET IT

Apatrim is now available to dieters in the U.S.; but it is not being sold in pharmacies. Those that want this new diet supplement must contact the company directly.

The company has set up National Order Hotlines to handle the expected surge of calls from people who want this weight loss breakthrough right now. Consumers must call the number assigned to their region and ask for Dept. **AP663**. The country has been divided into 3 regions so everyone has a fair chance to get Apatrim.

Initial supplies are limited and operators have been instructed to fill orders on a first-come, first-served basis. Those not getting through may have to wait until more product is produced, which could take as long as six weeks.

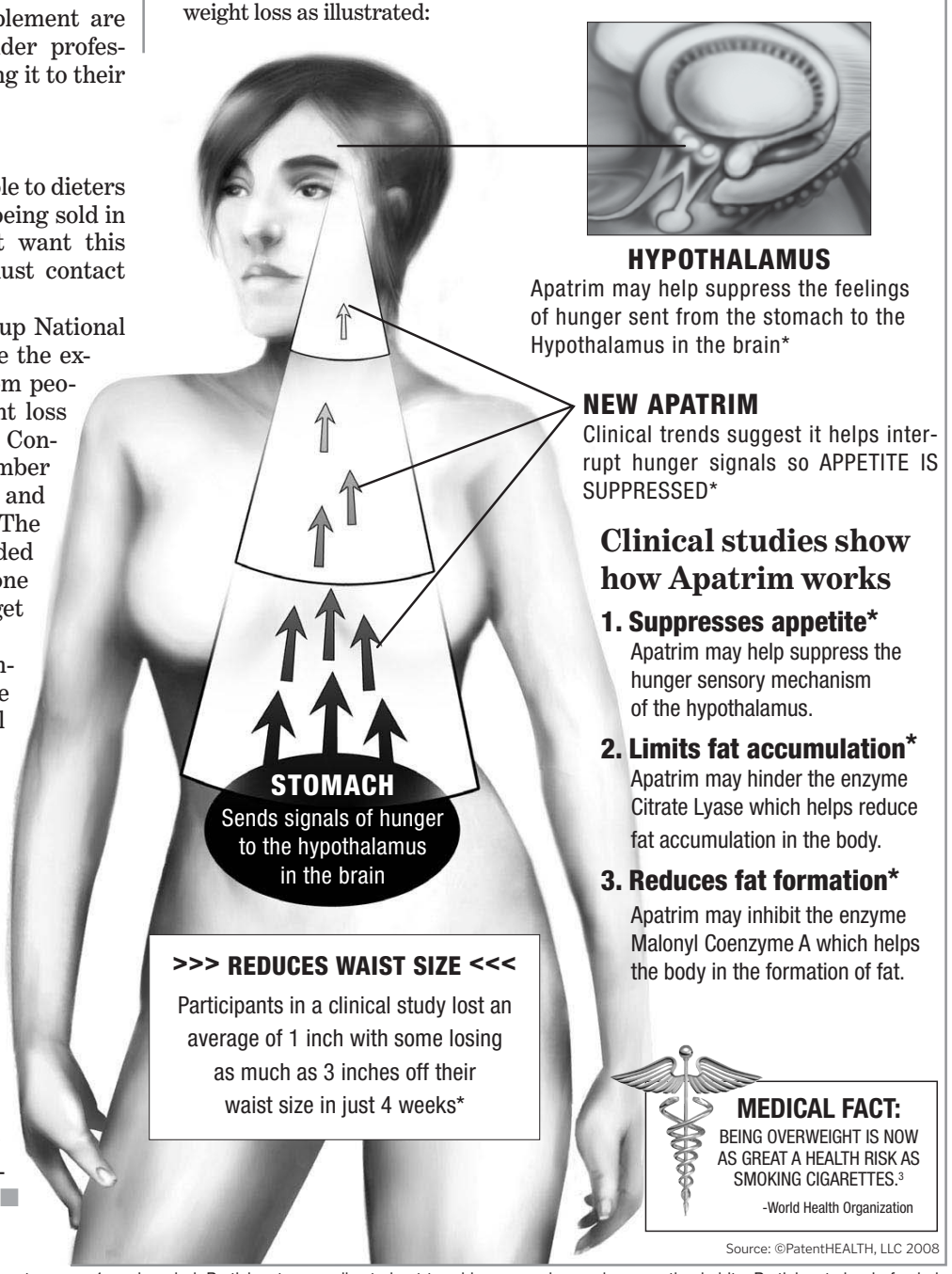
Great results, no embarrassing side effects and clinically supported data. It's not hard to see why Apatrim appears to be the smart choice for anyone who wants to lose weight without suffering through intense exercise or unhealthy diets.

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FIGURE 1 SHOWN IN CLINICAL TRIAL

How scientists believe new Apatrim™ works

New Apatrim has been clinically tested and scientific trends suggest this new diet supplement uses multiple mechanisms of action that can assist in weight loss as illustrated:



1. Primary study based on 26 participants over a 4-week period. Participants were directed not to add any exercise or change eating habits. Participants level of caloric intake and exercise were not measured or disclosed. 2. Dr. Ronald Lawrence, M.D., PhD., conducted the clinical trial and is not affiliated with PatentHEALTH nor endorsing Apatrim. 3. From a World Health Organization 1997 report. The World Health Organization is not affiliated with PatentHEALTH and does not endorse Apatrim.

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The only way to get the new diet pill:

This is the initial release of Apatrim, so there are limited supplies. To ensure everyone has a chance to get this new weight loss supplement, the company has created 3 National Order Hotlines for consumers to call.

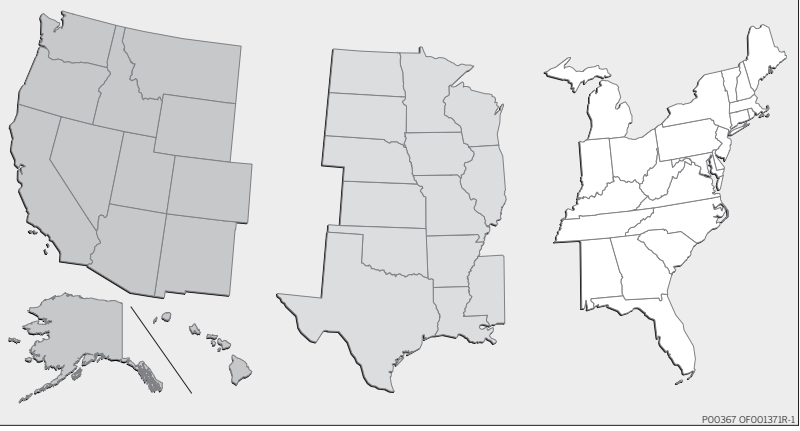
This will enable everyone to have a chance to get Apatrim since the initial supply is limited and it is not available in stores. Simply call the number indicated below for your region. Operators will be on duty until supplies are gone.

If you miss this opportunity to get new Apatrim you will be required to wait for future public announcements in this or other publications.

Western United States
1-800-731-4842
Ask for Dept. AP663
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1-800-789-4341
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Eastern United States
1-800-924-7956
Ask for Dept. AP663
Begin calling at 7:00 AM EST



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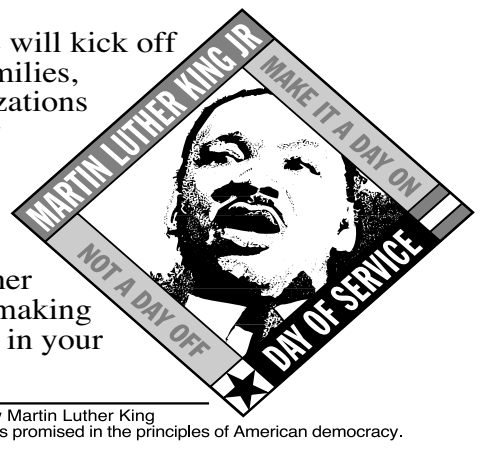
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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

DAY OF SERVICE

This year's Martin Luther King holiday marks 40 years since Dr. King's assassination. To honor Dr. King's message of positive change, the theme for this year's holiday is "40 Days of Nonviolence: Building the Beloved Community."

The King Day of Service will kick off 40 days during which families, schools and other organizations participate in community service projects.



Today's Kid Scoop has ideas on how you can celebrate the Martin Luther King Day of Service by making a difference for someone in your community.

Standards Link: History: Understand how Martin Luther King worked to achieve the liberties and equalities promised in the principles of American democracy.

Who You Gonna Call?

Many communities have an organization that helps volunteers find places to help others. Write the letter that comes after each letter of the alphabet on the spaces below to find a place you can call to see how you can be of service to your community.

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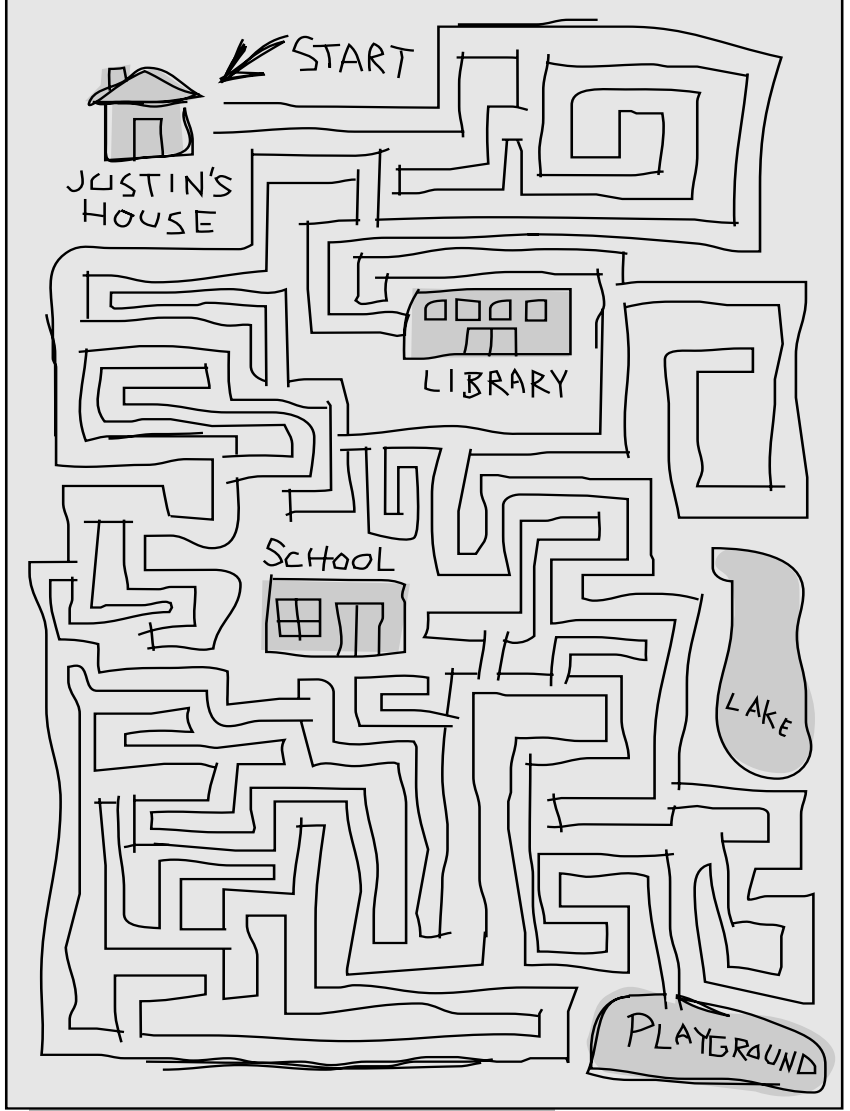
Service Ideas

Here are a few ideas of things you could do to make Martin Luther King, Jr.'s holiday a day of service. Can you add more?

- Offer to walk a neighbor's dog. _____
- Read Kid Scoop to a child younger than you. _____
- Offer to help a neighbor with yard work. _____

Standards Link: Civics: Students understand why civic responsibility is important.

Justin and Dustin volunteered to help pick up litter at the playground. Justin drew a map to help Dustin find the meeting point, but it's pretty confusing. Can you help?



"Life's most urgent question is: what are you doing for others?"
– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Service Starts Friendship!

Jim and Olivia go to different schools. One is a boy and one is a girl. These are just two reasons why Olivia and Jim might never have become friends. But, on the Martin Luther King Day of Service they each volunteered to visit the senior center. They found out that they both love to play cards! Now they are good friends.



What things are the same about Jim and Olivia?

Standards Link: Life Skills: Students learn to work well with those from different ethnic groups, of different religious orientations and of cultures different from their own.

Extra! Extra!

How many ways to 40?

Look through the newspaper and cut out numbers to create a math problem whose answer is 40. For example, you could cut out the numbers 25, 6 and 9, and add them to make 40. How many other number sentences can you make that have 40 as the answer?

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Add and subtract whole numbers.

Kid Scoop Together:

Be a Reporter

Newspaper reporters interview people to get the information for their news reports. With your learning buddy, select and read one article in today's newspaper. As you read, discuss what questions you think the reporter asked to get the information in the article.

Complete the following:

Headline: _____

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Question a reporter might have asked:

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Fact from the article that answered that question:

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What a Character!™

Citizenship is …



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The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Movie Time

Grandma wants to go to a movie about Martin Luther King. But she can't go before 2 p.m. and she needs to be home by 7 p.m. The movie is 95 minutes long. Look at the movie start times, and help Grandma decide which show she should attend by circling the time in the newspaper's movie guide below.

The Martin Luther King Story
SHOWTIMES: 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Standards Link: Math/Measurement: Understand how time is measured and apply concepts of solving problems using mathematical reasoning.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

MARTIN
LUTHER
KING
SERVICE
FRIENDS
SENIOR
HONOR
FAMILIES
KICK
MOVIE
GROUP
MATH
TIME
CARDS
LAKE

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E	R	U	T	I	O	S	S	W	A
S	L	T	T	T	N	M	H	U	C

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
SERVICE

The noun **service** means the act of helping.

Jason provided his grandmother a great ***service*** when he carried her groceries.

Try to use the word **service** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



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Opportunities

Community service groups often use the newspaper to publicize their need for volunteers. Look through today's newspaper and find five or more groups doing community service. List the name of each group and the service(s) it provides.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use reading skills to understand a variety of texts.

Hold this famous quote by Dr. King up to a mirror to read it.

"I look to a day when people will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

By looking in the mirror, you'll see the person that can make this quote come true!

Write On!

Remember Martin

What do you know about Martin Luther King? Write three to five sentences about his life.

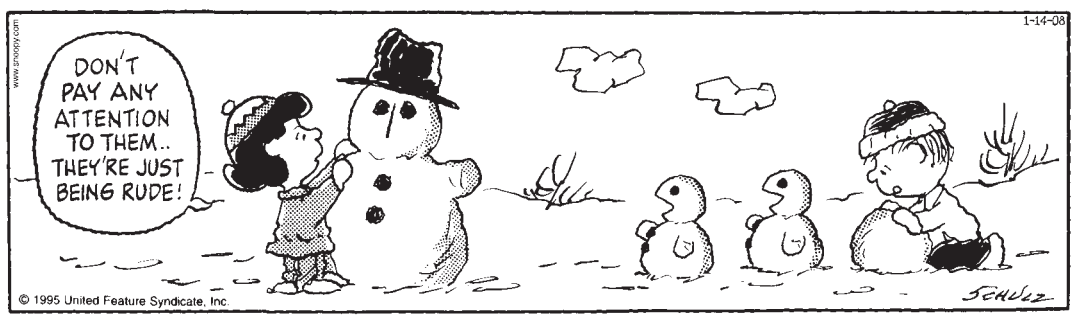
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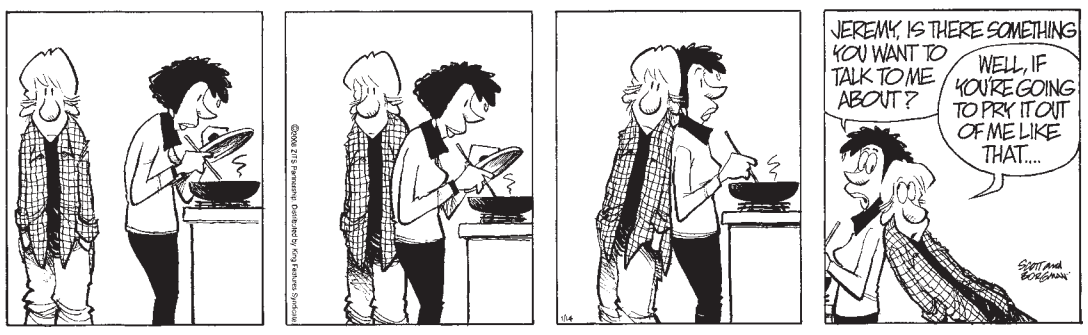
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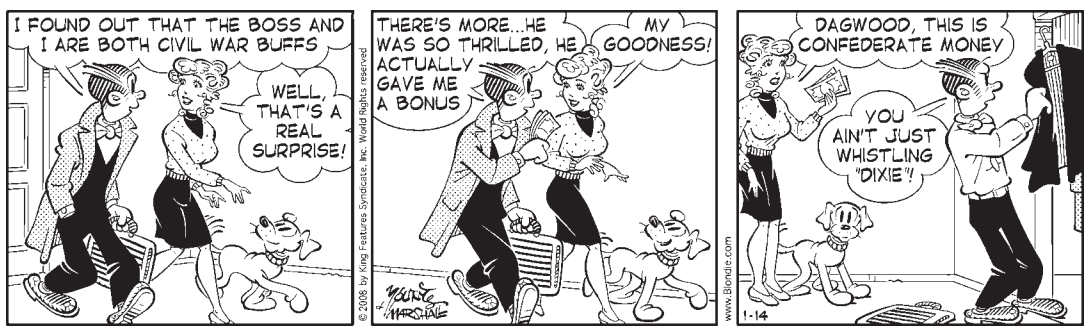
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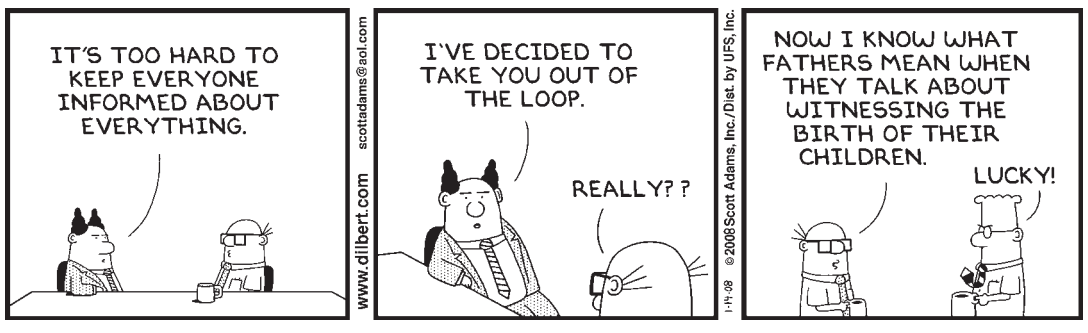
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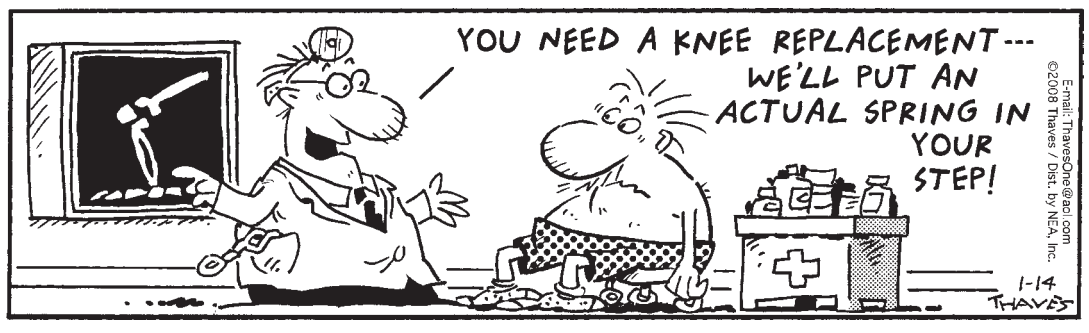
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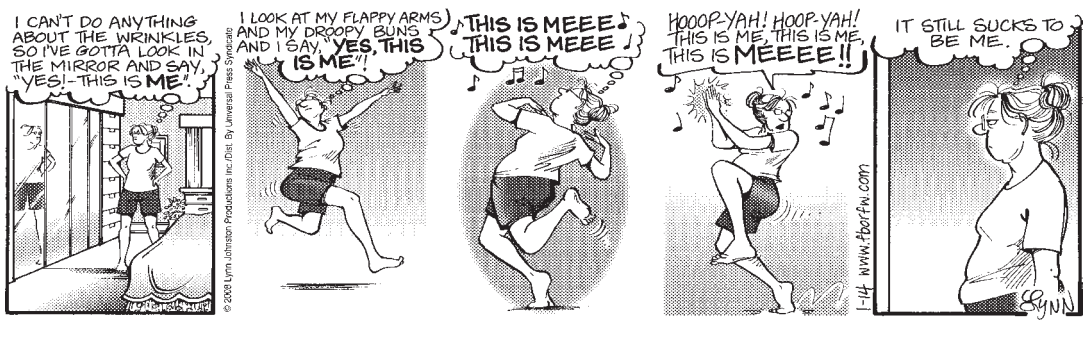
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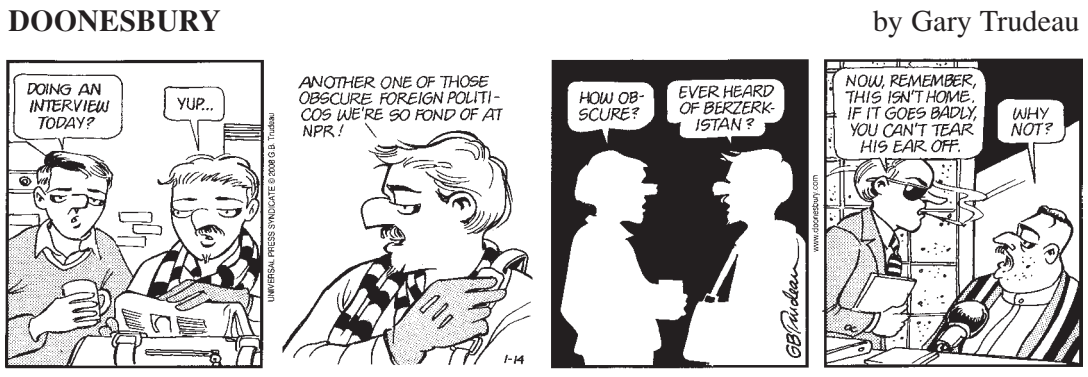
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Datebook: Monday, Jan. 14, 2008

Today is the 14th day of 2008 and the 24th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1784, the United States ratified the Treaty of Paris, which ended the Revolutionary War.

In 1943, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Charles de Gaulle met in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 2004, former Enron CFO Andrew Fastow pleaded guilty to wire and securities fraud, accepting a 10-year prison sentence.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), theologian/physician; John Dos Passos (1896-1970), writer; Andy Rooney (1919-), writer/TV commentator, is 89; Faye Dunaway (1941-), actress, is 67; Shannon Lucid (1943-), astronaut, is 65.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1973, the Miami Dolphins defeated the Washington Redskins in the Super Bowl, 14-7, and became the only NFL team ever to end the season undefeated.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The creation of a world view is the work of a generation rather than of an individual, but we each of us, for better or worse, add our brick to the edifice." -- John Dos Passos

TODAY'S FACT: Franklin D. Roosevelt's meeting in Casablanca marked the first time a U.S. president ever left the country's soil during wartime.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 8) and first quarter (Jan. 15).



ASTROGRAPH

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008

The year ahead will offer many advantages for pioneering fresh fields that hold great possibilities to develop new products, endeavors or systems. The more you explore, the more opportunities will unfold that could bring you success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You will face some stiff opposition where your career is concerned. You could take the easy way out by buckling under -- or make the right choice to overcome obstacles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Someone will intentionally give a friend false information in order to manipulate your pal to side against you. Don't stand idly by. Fight for the truth, and you will win.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Should an alliance formed for material reasons become troublesome, pull together during this crisis to work things out. There is strength in unity and weakness in discord.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- If you are aggressive enough, there is no reason that you should not have your own way. Just remember that victory isn't worth it if you do so at the expense of another. Find an amicable way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Arrangements that are running smoothly should not be needlessly interfered with, so don't make any unnecessary changes merely for change's sake. You will create problems where none exist.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- If you didn't show proper gratitude or acknowledgement in the past for deeds that people went out of their way to help you with, don't expect anybody to be on your team. You will get what you gave.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Although others will closely scrutinize you, don't let it cause needless stress that could lead to making mistakes. Keep a cool head at all times, and you will handle your chores effortlessly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Even though you are better informed about important issues than your peers, if you fail to use your knowledge properly, it won't do you any good. Stay on your toes, and don't let anything take you off track.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- If you allow yourself to get careless in your commercial dealings, you could be lulled into a false sense of security and take chances you normally wouldn't. Be on your toes where money is concerned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Any submitted proposal should be scrutinized and studied with extreme care before you agree to anything that would not serve your best interests. Take all the time you need before deciding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- If you lack the backbone to fess up to your mistakes, sooner or later, it will catch up to you and, when others find out, it will cause you much embarrassment. Don't try to hide anything you shouldn't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- There is a possibility that you will be asked to participate in a social activity your peers select that is not your choice. Don't try to push your weight around and act bossy, or you will end up standing alone.

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13 Frazier foe
14 Want —
15 "Forsyte Saga" heroine
16 Humor
17 Tawny predator
19 Chatty bird
21 Raw metal
22 Japanese fish
23 Disrespectful
26 Lineup member
30 Very pale
31 Coq au —
32 Greek letter
33 Narrow inlet
34 Work unit
35 Aphrodite's child
36 Be curious
39 Huffs and puffs
40 Weep
41 "Who sat down beside — . . ."
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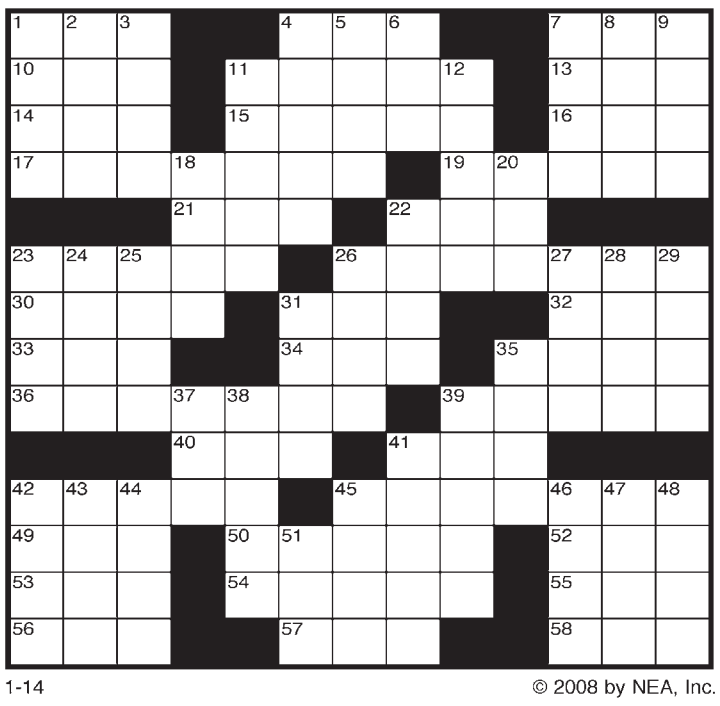
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4 Vikings
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12 Sample recordings
18 Snooping about
20 Puppy's bark
22 — fu
23 Calcutta attire
24 B — — bat
25 Hoops nickname
26 Racehorse parent
27 Makes a faux pas
28 Karate blow
29 Chuck
31 Hop, skip, or jump
35 Merit
37 Make the most of
38 Column type
39 Overhead honkers
41 Reddish tint
42 Fans' cries
43 Buffalo's lake
44 Compelled
45 Zen riddle
46 Bronte governess
47 Farmer's concern
48 Margarine containers
51 — -Magnon

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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THE LEARNING CHALLENGER

by Robert Barnett

DIRECTIONS:

A. Using each "Chaos Grid" number with its letter one time, arrange the numbers with their letters for the "Order Grid" so each vertical column, horizontal row, and two diagonals each ADD to numbers inside thick lined cells.

B. Some correct numbers with their letters have been put into the "Order Grid" to get you started. Also, above the "Order Grid" is a "Decoded Message" clue.

C. After you have solved the "Order Grid" doing as direction "A" says, put the letters from horizontal rows, from left to right, under "Decoded Message" and make words to form the answer.

CHAOS GRID

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17 A	18 S	17 U	14 B
18 P	13 L	16 K	19 R
18 C	15 C	11 E	15 L

CLUE: SD FLORA

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DECODED MESSAGE:

ANSWERS IN NEXT EDITION

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Answers to Previous *Learning Challenger*
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19 I	57 E	56 R	31 &
53 F	26 R	24 A	60 N
45 K	39 L	43 I	36 N

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: L equals M

"H D T G D Y N D K F D T K Z E J H D V E R S Z V H." - Y J E V D N F R

"S D E W Z M E T F N P - H D T G D Y N D K F, T M G G F T T D T D L Y Z T T D A N F, Y F V D Z H." - N Z M W Z N E U

PREVIOUS SOLUTION —"Cloud nine gets all the publicity, but cloud eight actually is cheaper, less crowded, and has a better view." - George Carlin

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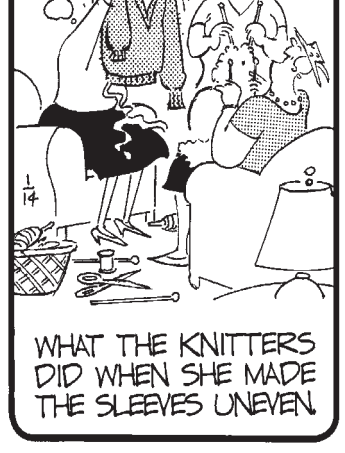
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: " " " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: GOUGE FRANC FLAUNT KINGLY
Answer: When the stripper learned to fly, she was good at this — TAKING OFF

15-year-old concerned her best friend suffers from anorexia

ANNIE'S MAILBOX

By Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar

Dear Annie: I am 15 and almost positive that my best friend, "Amanda," is anorexic. I know for a fact that she was anorexic two years ago, but she told me she had treatment and is cured.

I rarely see Amanda eat lunch at school, and if I ask about it, she says, "I'm not hungry. Just drop it." It is easy for her to throw food away or say it "looks disgusting" and refuse to touch it. When I tell her she really needs to eat, she gets mad. Lately, she's had stomach pains that are not cramps. I don't know if this is related, but she also has been having family, grade, depression and school issues.

I really worry about her, but I know if I bring up therapy, she will stop speaking to me. Her parents want her to go (I'm not sure why) and she's absolutely livid with them. Please help. -- Concerned Best Friend

Dear Best Friend: Amanda is lucky to have you as a friend. She obviously has a lot of problems and her eating disorder could be the way she tries to maintain some control over her life. Right now, it's best not to talk about food, her weight or her eating habits. Tell her you care about her, value her friendship, think she's a wonderful person and will always be there for her. You also can suggest, if she feels depressed or is having school problems, that she talk to the school counselor or a favorite teacher, and offer to go with her. You can find more information about anorexia at the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (anad.org), P.O. Box 7, Highland Park, IL 60035 or the National Eating Disorders Association (nationaleatingdisorders.org) at 1-800-931-2237.

Dear Annie: My older son has never shown me any respect. For 30 years, I tried to reach out to him, to no avail. I was so depressed I finally went to my pastor and told him my story. The pastor told me to have nothing more to do with my son because he was making me so unhappy. It's been two years since my son and I have spoken, and for the first time in my life, I am enjoying myself without stress.

The problem is, my very good male friend can't understand this. I am 78 years old, and what little time I have left, I want to stay happy. How do I explain why I don't want my son in my life anymore, and why my younger son wants nothing to do with his brother? -- P.

Dear P.: You don't owe anyone an explanation. When your friend brings up the issue, simply tell him, "I know you don't understand my decision, but I hope you will respect it nonetheless. I don't wish to talk about it anymore." Then change the subject. It isn't necessary for him to see your point of view.

Dear Annie: May I offer a possible defense for "Not Impressed in Ottawa," who said her in-laws always arrive late for dinner?

I have a friend who is a great hostess, but she always asks her guests to arrive hours before dinner is served. When we get there, she is still making the hors d'oeuvres. Before dinner, wine is poured so indiscriminately that I never take my eyes off my glass or I will inadvertently end up "toasted" long before the meal is ready.

Few people enjoy a leisurely evening of good food and conversation more than I, but waiting two hours between the hors d'oeuvres and the entree is an unreasonable demand on guests. Now I arrive at least 30 minutes late from the time announced. If "Ottawa" is anything like my friend, perhaps she will understand why her guests are tardy. -- Selectively Late in the South

Dear South: We agree guests should not have to wait so long before being given food -- and the hosts could be held liable if anything happened to their drunken guests on the way home.

MONDAY EVENING

1/14/08	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
BROADCAST CHANNELS											
2	News	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Prison Break (N) CC		Sarah Connor		Ten O'clock News (N)		Seinfeld
4	News (N)		Extra (N)	Hollywood	American Gladiators (N)		Deal or No Deal (N)		Medium (N) CC		News (N)
5	News (N) CC		Eye on the	Judge J.	How I Met	Big Bang	Two Men	Rules	CSI: Miami (N) CC		News (N)
6	News (N) CC		Jeopardy!	Fortune	Dance War: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann			Underbelly	October Road (N) CC		News (N)
6	News-Lehrer		New Valley	Romance	Antiques Roadshow (N)		American Experience (N) CC (DVS)			Peanuts	Antiques
8	Paparazzi		Alma Gemela		Película se Anunciará				Alma Gemela		Night Show
9	News-Lehrer		Business	Kornbluth	Antiques Roadshow (N)		Antiques Roadshow		American Experience (N) CC (DVS)		
20	Fresh Pr.	My Wife	My Wife	Jim	Law & Order: CI		News		Jim	Married...	Reno 911!
36	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	'70s Show	TMZ (N)	Cops CC	Cops CC	Seinfeld	'70s Show	Frasier	Frasier	TMZ CC
40	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Two Men	Raymond	Prison Break (N) CC		Sarah Connor		News (N) CC		Two Men
44	Lopez	Simpsons	Simpsons	Two Men	Chris	Aliens	Girlfriends	The Game	Family Guy	Family Guy	Two Men
50	The Insider	Entertain	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Raymond	Raymond	Frasier	Frasier	The Insider	Entertain	Blind Date
CABLE CHANNELS											
A&E	Cold Case Files CC		CSI: Miami CC		Intervention "Coley"		Intervention "Jason"		Paranormal	Paranormal	Parking
AMC	(5:00) **"Death Wish"**		**Movie: ★★★ "Death Wish"** (1974)				**Movie: ★★ "Lionheart"** (1990), Harrison Page				**"Dragon"**
COM	**"Dirty-Scoundrls"**		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How-Made	How-Made	Killer Ants CC		Giant Squid: Caught		Bone Detectives (N)		MythBust
DISN	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	**Movie: "The Cheetah Girls 2"** (2006) Raven.				So Raven	Life Derek	Suite Life
ESPN	College Basketball Oklahoma at Kansas. CC				SportsCenter (Live) CC		College Basketball Gonzaga at Pepperdine. CC				SportsCtr.
FAM	Kyle XY "Lockdown"		Kyle XY "Leap of Faith"		Kyle XY (N) CC		Kyle XY CC		Funniest Home Videos		700 Club
FSB	Final Score	Top 50	Shark Byte	In Focus	Toughest Cowboy		Best Damn Toughman		Final Score	Final Score	Toughman
LIFE	Reba CC	Reba CC	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba CC	Reba CC	**Movie: "Queen Sized"** (2008) Nikki Blonsky.				Will-Grace
NICK	Drake	Drake	Backyardigans (N) CC		SpongeBob	Drake	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.
SCI FI	Star Trek: Enterprise		Star Trek: Enterprise		Tactics	Tactics	Noein CC	Noein CC	Guinea Pig	Guinea Pig	The X-Files
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Sex & City
TNN	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		**Movie: ★★½ "Spaceballs"** (1987, Comedy)				UFC 80
TNT	Law & Order CC (DVS)		Law & Order CC (DVS)		Law & Order CC (DVS)		Law & Order "Church"		Law & Order CC (DVS)		The Closer
USA	Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				Law SVU
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		Wilkos
PREMIUM CHANNELS											
HBO	(:15) **Movie: ★★ "Accepted"** (2006) 'PG-13'				Real Time		**Movie: ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"** (2005)				
MAX	(4:45) **★★"Domino"** 'R'		**Movie: "John Tucker Must Die"**		**Movie: "Ice Age: The Meltdown"**				**Movie: ★★★ "Blood Diamond"**		
SHOW	(:15) **Movie: ★★½ "The Groomsmen"** (2006)				**Movie: ★★½ "Last Holiday"** (2006) 'PG-13'				The L Word CC		**"Cannibal"**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2007-F0835

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **US Oliver-Allen Technology Leasing, 801 Larkspur Landing Larkspur, CA 94939.** U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc., 13010 SW 68th Parkway, Suite 100, Portland, OR 97223.

The business is conducted by corporation.

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

U.S. Bancorp Equipment Finance, Inc.

S/Laura F. Bednaski, Secretary.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mendocino County on December 20, 2007.

NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the County Clerk. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before that time.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 1411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4/08.

CNS-1252176#

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. **SCUK CVPT '07 50655**

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, Court House, Ukiah, CA 95482

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: **KEVIN AGUILAR**

THE COURT FINDS that Petitioner(s) **LUCIO AGUILAR AND HILDA GARCIA** has/have filed a Petition for Change of Applicant(s)' name FROM **KEVIN AGUILAR**

TO **KEVIN AGUILAR-GARCIA**

THE COURT ORDERS All people interested in this matter appear before this court to show cause why this application for change of name should not be granted on:

HEARING DATE: **Feb. 8, 2008** at **time a.m.** in **Dept E,** located at **Court House, 100 N. State Street, Ukiah, California 95482**

Dated: **Jan. 2, 2007**

/s/John A. Behnke

JOHN A. BEHNKE

Judge of the Superior Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

030-08

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2007-F0814

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1) MARRY ME IN MENDOCINO COUNTY 2) MENDOCINO STYLE PUBLISHING

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Julie Marie Duke

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Mendocino, CA 95460

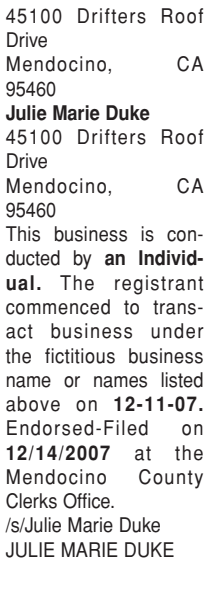
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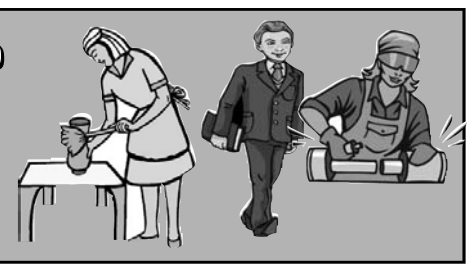
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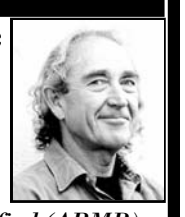
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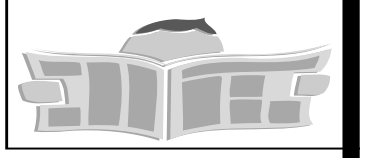
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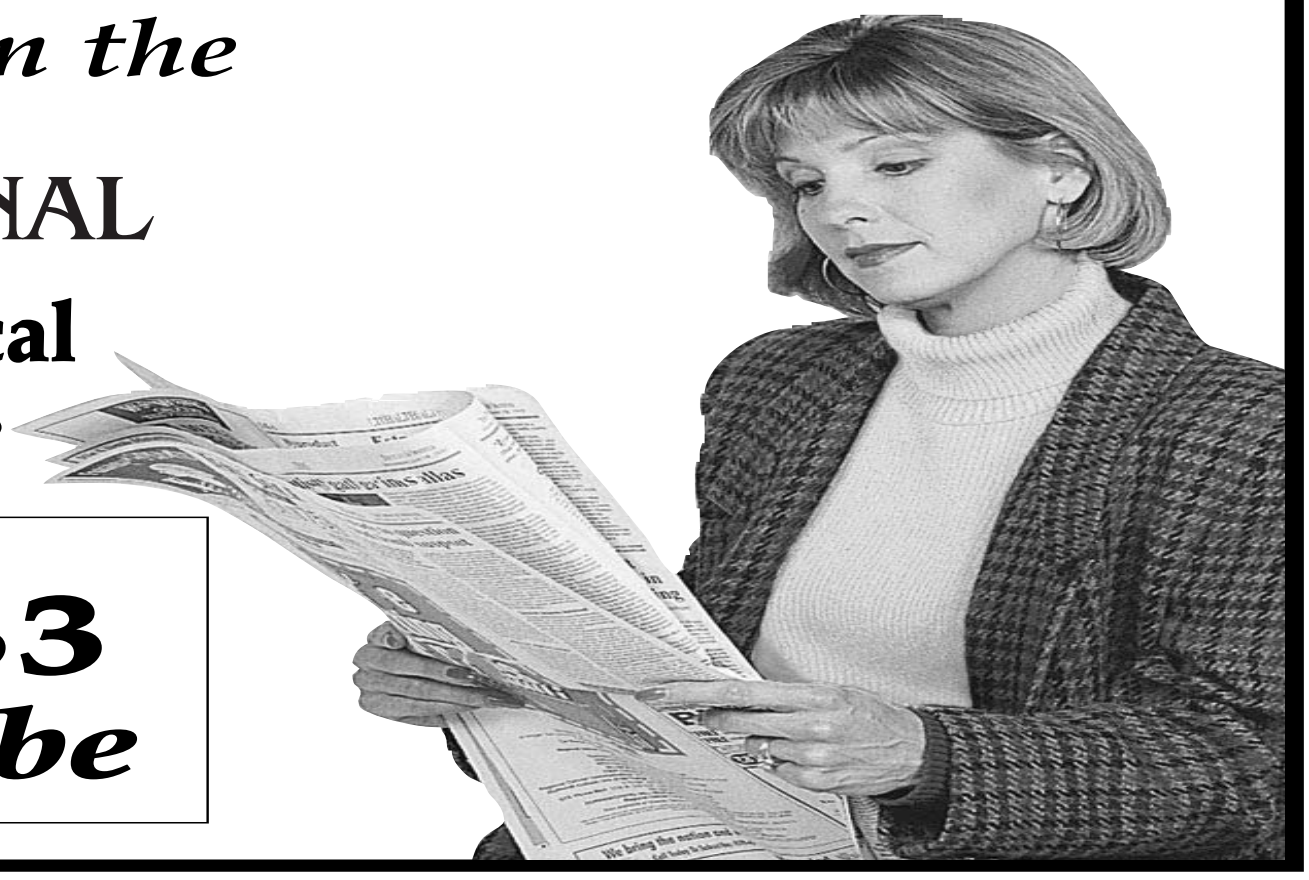
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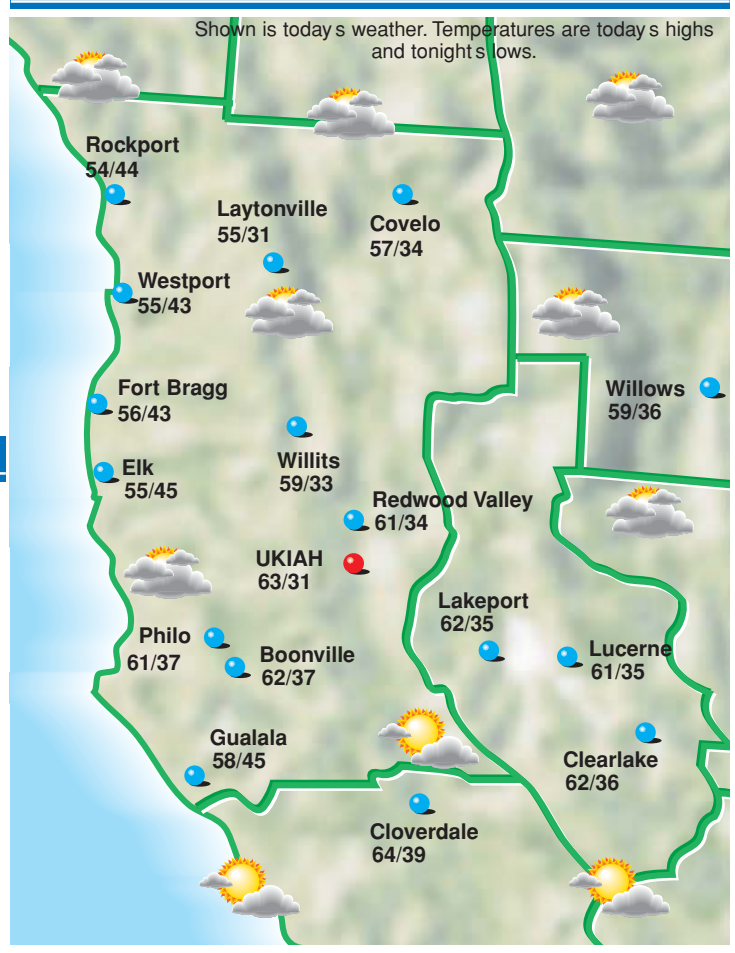
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Auburn	60/40/pc	62/36/s	Orange	78/47/s	73/41/s
Barstow	62/34/s	61/35/s	Oxnard	75/47/s	65/45/s
Big Sur	66/43/s	64/43/s	Palm Springs	71/46/s	70/47/s
Bishop	59/20/s	60/25/s	Pasadena	76/47/s	72/48/s
Blythe	69/40/s	68/41/s	Pomona	78/45/s	73/39/s
Burbank	78/44/s	74/45/s	Potter Valley	60/34/c	62/33/s
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Chico	59/39/pc	61/38/s	Salinas	68/39/s	62/41/s
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Golden Globes go on at show sapped of star glitz

By DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

BEVERLY HILLS — Cate Blanchett won the supporting actress Golden Globe on Sunday for the Bob Dylan tale "I'm Not There" during an awards show truncated from glitzy banquet to dry news conference because of the Hollywood writers strike.

Like other nominees, Blanchett was not on hand to accept the award. Actors and filmmakers skipped the Golden Globes because of the two-month-old strike by the Writers Guild of America, which had planned pickets outside the show if organizers had tried to do their usual televised ceremony.

Globe planners and NBC canceled the three-hour star-studded bash in favor of an hour-long news conference at which clips of film and TV nominees were shown and reporters from entertainment news shows announced winners.

A previous Globe winner for 1998's "Elizabeth," Blanchett won this time for a gender-bending role as one of six actors playing incarnations of Dylan, her own performance a spot-on rendition of the musician during the transition from acoustic to electric that infuriated his folk fans.

Blanchett also had a best dramatic actress nomination for the sequel "Elizabeth: The Golden Age," a 16th century drama in which she reprises her role as the British monarch.

Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder won the prize for best original song in a movie for "Guaranteed," featured in director Sean Penn's road drama "Into the Wild."

"We all hope that the writers strike will be over soon so that everyone can go back to making good movies and television programs which is what the Golden Globes were designed to celebrate," said Jorge Camara, president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association that hands out the Globes, said at the start of the news conference.

On strike since Nov. 5, the Writers Guild of America refused to let union members work on the star-studded banquet-style show, prompting actors to boycott the ceremony rather than cross picket lines.

Although the guild called off pickets it had planned outside the news conference, the strike left one of Hollywood's brightest and giddiest nights in shambles. Despite the gowns and formal wear, the Globes are known as a free-wheeling cousin of the Academy Awards, a place where stars can have a few drinks and cut loose as they celebrate the year's achievements in film and television.

The Beverly Hilton hotel, normally awash with celebrities, was so barren of stars that "Entertainment Tonight" host Mary Hart was surrounded by photographers and TV cameras as she entered the ballroom where the Globes were announced.

A few hours before the show, a dozen non-writer entertainment industry workers stood outside the Beverly Hilton hotel, holding signs asking for the studios and the writers to resume negotiations. The pickets were outnumbered by international television crews, but their protest was greeted by supportive honks from cars speeding by on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Howard Keys, a set medic with the ABC show "Private Practice," said he's been out of work since his show went dark before Thanksgiving. "We're the workers, the grunts of the industry," he said. "A grip, a camera operator, a set lighting technician — they can't work elsewhere. These are our full-time jobs, our careers."

Sunday's event was recast as an hour-long announcement that would feature TV news personalities disclosing the winners in between clips of nominated movies and shows. The news conference format was a far cry from a ceremony whose star wattage would have been powered by the likes of Julia Roberts, Tom Hanks, George Clooney, Denzel Washington, Cate Blanchett, Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie, who all had acting nominations.

Copies of the traditional glossy program booklet for the 65th annual Globes were still on hand for reporters covering the event. Along with photos of previous winners and past Globe soirees himself a Globe winner for best acting debut with 1976's "Stay Hungry."

"On behalf of all Californians, I congratulate the nominees on their accomplishments, and I wish all in attendance a memorable night," Schwarzenegger's letter read.

The booklet also featured a four-page spread on the Globes' Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement to Steven Spielberg, an honor that has been postponed until next year.

The nods for "Atonement" included best drama, plus honors for lead actors Keira Knightley and James McAvoy, director Joe Wright and screenwriter Christopher Hampton.

Some nominees were relieved at the thought of avoiding scrutiny by TV audiences.

The fate of Hollywood's biggest night, the Feb. 24 Oscars, remains uncertain. Guild leader Patric Verrone has said writers would not be allowed to work on that show, either, which could force stars to make an even tougher choice on whether to stay away or cross the picket line.

Oscar organizers insist their show will come off as planned, with or without the writers.

With two best-picture categories, drama and musical or comedy, the Globes traditionally have had a good shot for one of its movie winners to come away with the top prize at the Oscars. But the Globes have not correctly forecast an Oscar best-picture winner in four years, the last one being "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King."

As a result of their strike, films may not get quite the same box-office bounce they typically receive after winning high-profile prizes, which can add tens of millions of dollars to their haul during the long awards season. Yet actors and writers say tough action is needed to make sure creative people get their fair financial share for the long haul.

"I feel bad for my friends who have movies that would get a lift from a Globe or an Oscar," said Don Cheadle, a past Globe winner and Oscar nominee. "But the Oscar ratings have gone down steadily for the last 10 years. Fewer and fewer people are interested in seeing Hollywood fete itself. For what we're fighting for and what we're trying to achieve, these are the necessary sacrifices."

Allman

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Hopland," he explained. "I want you to walk away from this meeting saying, 'Law enforcement does care.'"

The discussion shifted as Allman talked ways to keep the town from attracting crime by keeping the streetlights in working order and getting rid of graffiti. He said a town is more conducive to crime with graffiti as it acts as advertising for "bad guys," which can create a sense of safety for committing criminal activities.

Captain Kurt Smallcomb was also in attendance at the meeting, and addressed the crowd by pushing for more interaction between the community and MCSO.

"When we deal with gangs it's a whole community's problem. We all have to deal with it," Smallcomb said.

Allman and the crowd of more than 30 people went on to discuss more of the residents concerns including: the future of marijuana in the area and possibly organizing a neighborhood watch.

"If someone is growing marijuana without a medical card, then you are committing a felony," he explained. We will get to the point where our deputies wont be walking away from 200 plants without taking action.

"If there's a group in here that wants to organize a neighborhood watch, then let's do it."

Allman went on to express his desire to continue building the relationship between Hopland residents and the MCSO.

"Let's plan on meeting every other month. Let's keep the relationship growing. I hope you are getting your money's worth, and if not, then shame on me."

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Paige

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of Willits, Sara Kollenborn, Redwood Valley, Stephanie Paige, Ukiah, Amanda Baguley, Hopland, Katelyn Crawford, Willits, Kayla Hurt, Covelo, and Karissa Quarles of Ukiah. Each of these contestants competed during the day in a 10 minute interview with the judges, and then Saturday evening performed their talent choice, physical fitness, evening gown and on-stage question as part of the judging process.

Following the Miss Mendocino County contestants were the nine contestants for Miss North Coast and Miss Northern Counties who competed in the same categories and are listed as Michelle Wells, Katelyn Bruce, Christina Satterfield, Maggie Stewart, Brittney Henry, Nicole Honaker, Kaleena Quarles (Miss Mendocino County 2006), Laura Jean Berger and Ashley Miller. These young women have held previous titles and are now eligible to compete in open competitions of which only five are held in California. They all are college students, some even graduated and into masters programs.

Throughout the evening tributes were paid to not only Chaty, but to Egloff as well as Brooke Ingram, former Miss Redwood Empire Outstanding Teen who took over many of the duties of Miss Mendocino while Egloff was away at college in Lynchburg, VA.

At the end of the evening the ballots were tallied from six judges including local judges Mendocino College president Kathy Lehner, county Supervisor Michael Delbar.

Verna Jacobs, pageant Executive Director for all three programs gave praise to Chaty for withstanding six years of competition and noted she hoped each young woman competing the evening would follow in Chaty's footsteps.

"Every competition means scholarship achievement for these young women," Jacobs said, adding, "our local committee, the entire community and in fact all of Mendocino County have enjoyed having Melissa as our Miss California. A beginning 17-year-old Melissa blossomed into an outstanding beauty whose talent, academic achievements and community service knew no bounds."

Miss Mendocino County 2008 chose as her platform "Higher Education" College is possible and her performance on stage was a lyrical jazz dance to the song "Sorry".

The new Miss Mendocino County will represent the county locally and at the Miss California Scholarship Program in June in Fresno. She was awarded a scholarship in the amount of $6,000. 1st runner up receiving a $2,000 scholarship was Sara Kollenborn and 2nd runner up receiving a $1,000 scholarship was Katelyn Crawford The remaining 4 contestants all received a $600 scholarship. Special awards included The Punky Hammell Miss Congeniality Award which was a tie for Sara Kollenborn and Stephanie Paige, with each receiving a $100 scholarship. The annual Crystal Miner award went to Karissa Quarles along with a scholarship of $250. Lastly, Stephanie Paige had collected $4,400 in scholarship funds to share with her fellow contestants and she received a special 10 percent scholarship of $440 for being the Outstanding Scholarship Achiever.

Miss North Coast, Nicole Honaker competed with a talent of a gymnastics dance routine to the "Pirates of the Caribbean" and a platform of "Youth physical fitness. She was awarded a $1,000 scholarship. Miss Northern Counties, Maggie Stewart also received a $1,000 scholarship. First runner up in this category was Ashley Miller who received a $500 scholarship and the remaining six contestants each received $250 for their achievements. The Grand Total awarded in scholarships Saturday evening was $18,665 to all the contestants.

Hopland

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Council of Governments, Mendocino County Transportation Department, and Fetzer Vineyards.

Project background

This intersection had experienced eleven collisions during a five year period, which is higher than the statewide average for similar intersections. Most were the result of motorists failing to negotiate the curve at the intersection of Route 175 and Old River Road. Speeding was the primary factor in over half of the collisions. There are a significant amount of left turns from Route 175 onto Old River Road. There is no left-turn pocket, so vehicles that wanted to proceed eastbound on Route 175 were required to wait for left-turning vehicles.

The Roundabout Solution

The traditional solution to enhance the safety at an intersection like this one would have been to add left-turn lanes and potentially, traffic signals. However, Caltrans also constructs roundabouts if they are a better solution than a traffic signal. A roundabout was chosen because it has numerous advantages at this location, which include:

· A smaller footprint than a signalized intersection with left-turn lanes, so less new right-of-way was required.

· Providing traffic calming, resulting in reduced speeds.

· Requiring less maintenance, lower yearly operational costs, and a longer service life.

· Providing a safe place for large trucks to safely turn around.

· Enhancing the roundabout with landscaping will create an aesthetic gateway to the community.

For more information on the advantages of roundabouts, and how to navigate them, see http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist1/d1projects/roundabout.htm.

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